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Not in the job description

Auto dealership workers chased, helped capture a trio of teen robbery suspects

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

Dave Kingsford, a mechanic at Honda of El Cerrito, was doing some minor repair work at the dealership, when he heard a woman screaming. At a nearby bus stop, three teen-agers were taking a 42-year-old woman's backpack. Another Honda employee, and Kingsford's good friend, Melito Santiago Jr., ran after the suspects.

Not knowing what he was getting into, Kingsford began running, too, and tackled two of the boys.

"That's what happens when you get mad at work," said Kingsford, a lanky 6-foot-2, 28-year-old El Sobrante resident. "They were in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Santiago Jr. was walking back to work from lunch when he saw a group of people standing between the dealership and a Skechers shoe store parking lot across the street. He had seen the teenagers running through the parking lot a minute earlier.

Someone said "Get 'em," Santiago recalled. The adrenaline took over and he ran.

Car salesman Mike Best was driving a silver Honda CRV back to the dealership when he also noticed the hubbub. He drove west on Cutting Boulevard where he met up with Santiago, who lost the suspects after they jumped a fence near the freeway overpass.

Kingsford had also run there and got into the car.

They drove past the freeway, entering a Richmond neighborhood between Cutting Boulevard and Potrero Avenue. Best circled around several times looking for the suspected thieves.

Twice, Kingsford got out of the car and tackled two of the suspects while they were jumping fences between people's homes.

He scaled one fence at South 52nd Street and Reid Court and grabbed one of the suspects by the neck, he said. He took him to the front yard where



DAVID KINGSFORD and two other El Cerrito Honda employees chased two juveniles for about two miles, including jumping fences, and retrieved a stolen purse.

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

A walk on the wildflower side

WILDFLOWERS BLOOM along the Ohlone Greenway near the Del Norte BART station in El Cerrito, as El Cerrito resident Wu Nu Liang walks by. The wildflower display, tended by resident Gil Patchett, goes on for months in the spring.

Longtime music shop closing in Berkeley

Tupper & Reed on Shattuck Avenue has had to compete with several factors that drain the vitality of the area

By Dorothy Vriend

CORRESPONDENT

Above the entrance of Tupper & Reed Music on Shattuck Avenue, a black, white and yellow banner announces the end of an era. It isn't the first "going out of business sale" the street has seen over the years — in fact owner Wayne Anderson counts his business among the last of the original downtown stores to close. Anderson gets sentimental

about the Shattuck Avenue he remembers, when shoppers could choose to go to department stores Penney's or Hink's, or shop instead at one of the up-scale men's or women's shops on the street. Tupper & Reed first opened in 1906 and Anderson bought into it in 1969. It will close toward the end of May or early June, according to staff.

In the store, pianos still sit in the window; guitars, clarinets, trumpets and other instruments are displayed along the walls. Customers come in to take music lessons and buy their sheet music here. With the big yellow "Sale" sign dominating the entrance, a steady stream of customers drift in and out, and Anderson says he's suddenly doing

a week's worth of business in a day.

Anderson can list the reasons for the store's demise on the fingers of one hand. But it isn't just his store's demise he is describing; it is the demise of the street, as he knew it. Loath to leave, he says he should have closed long before.

"Now you can basically buy a book, get something to eat or go see a movie," Anderson says, likening Shattuck Avenue to an extension of the University of California student union, instead of the downtown he bought into.

Anderson cites parking problems, panhandlers, vacant storefronts, Internet sales and new malls in Emeryville and El Cerrito as an inexorable drain on

Shattuck Avenue's vitality. Not only are Penny's and Hink's gone, but gone too are modern stores such as Eddie Bauer and Gateway, leaving vacant storefronts behind.

Over the years, Anderson made changes at Tupper & Reed to match the music scene he saw around him. For instance, when he first bought into the store, it sold mainly pianos and organs. By 1974 he stopped buying organs and put the money into sheet music and guitars instead.

"We could see with the advent of small keyboards, organs were doomed. People didn't want a piece of furniture, they wanted fun," Anderson said. "We geared

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City plans for historic hall

■ They hope to make better use of the Albany Veterans Memorial site

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

When the Albany Veterans Memorial building was dedicated in August 1932, newspapers of the day said it was considered one of the finest memorial buildings in the state. It had cost \$80,000 to build.

Over the decades, the Memorial building has been the scene of countless weddings, Boy Scout meetings, pancake breakfasts and parties for local civic and veterans groups.

Today, veterans groups and city officials believe the building could be used more often. The city pictures a teen center, computer programming classes and historical exhibits there. But first the building, owned by Alameda County, would need \$1.4 million in upgrades.

"It's really Albany's only historic building," said Leif Magnusson, a park and recreation commissioner who favors making better use of the facility. "It's certainly a beautiful building in addition to its historic significance."

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MEETING

WHAT: Albany City Council

WHEN: 8 p.m. Monday

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

INTERIOR DETAILS of the building include a stylized wood "MV" crest above the stage. The auditorium is a throwback to another era, featuring painted wooden ceiling beams and ornate light fixtures.

Coach's trial to start today

By Tom Lochner

STAFF WRITER

Alameda County prosecutors and the lawyer of a soccer coach accused of attacking a referee last year tried but failed to reach a plea agreement Wednesday.

So Mauricio Alvarez is set to go to trial Friday on two misdemeanor counts of battery. If convicted, he could be sentenced to a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine for each count.

He is accused of punching referee Bruce Greenlee after Greenlee disqualified Alvarez's team of 8- and 9-year-olds for failing to produce player passes for each

player. The Nov. 20 incident occurred at half-time of an end-of-season, Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League tournament match in Albany's Memorial Park.

Alvarez asserts his innocence and says someone else attacked Greenlee. He previously rejected the district attorney's offer to let him plead guilty to one misdemeanor and serve a six-month jail sentence, said Angela Greene, Alvarez's lawyer.

Greene said a deputy district attorney rejected Alvarez's counteroffer Wednesday. She declined to reveal its terms.

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Albany

City to hold waste drop-off event Saturday

The city will hold an electronics waste drop-off event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Golden Gate Fields lower parking lot, off Buchanan Street.

The event is open to all Albany residents. A photo identification is required.

Residents can recycle computer equipment, cell phones without batteries, televisions and other consumer electronics such as stereos and VCR's, home office equipment and household electronics such as toasters and microwaves. Unacceptable items include computer discs, CDs, video game cartridges, batteries and power packs, and major appliances such as refrigerators.

For more information, go online at www.albanyca.org or call Waste Management at 510-613-8710.

Albany YMCA to hold Giant Garage Sale

The Albany YMCA Giant Garage Sale will be held April 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The sale will feature everything from clothing, books, children's toys and accessories to household and office items and lots of wonderful treasures. Proceeds will be used to help support Albany YMCA Youth and Senior Financial Assistance programs.

The Albany YMCA is located near the corner of Solano and San Pablo Avenues at 921 Kains Ave. For more information, please call 510-525-1130.

City plans fourth annual spring festival

The Albany Chamber of Commerce invites community groups, musicians and artists to participate in its spring festival, "A Taste of Albany — A Small-Town Walkabout."

The festival is scheduled for 1-7 p.m. June 5 on Solano and San Pablo avenues.

Nonprofit and other community groups can set up booths and/or sponsor activities — including fund-raisers — at the festival at no cost, and, if they choose, to sell tickets to the taste portion of the event, which involves samples from Albany restaurants and promotions by other merchants. Participating organizations will be entitled to 20 percent of all tickets they sell.

For details call 510-525-1771, or visit www.albanychamber.org.

El Cerrito

Application for 128-unit housing submitted

An application for 128 units of housing in two five-story buildings on the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza has been submitted by developer Forest Plaza Partners LLC to the city.

The project includes 158 parking spaces and the restoration of 180 feet of Cerrito Creek.

It will require approval by the planning commission and the design review board, said planning manager Jennifer Carman.

"I don't think it will be at the planning commission before June," said Carman. "More than likely we'll have a special meeting for this because it draws so many people."

Last month, the City Council dropped plans for a BART parking garage at the same site. A city consultant is looking at what environmental effects the new plan will produce.

Ex-El Cerrito High band members sought

Former El Cerrito High School band members are being sought to march with the school's current band on May 14 in a parade commemorating the campus before it's torn down. Alumni do not need to have an instrument and optional rehearsals may be offered. The parade is tentatively scheduled to begin at 12:15 p.m. on May 14. For more information, go online at www.newechs.org or e-mail Gregg Mayer at gregg@glmco.com.

Residents invited to breakfast with Gioia

Residents are invited to breakfast with Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia. The breakfast will be held today, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Denny's, 11344 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito. There is no formal agenda. The intent is to give residents a chance to sit down informally with Gioia to ask questions or discuss county issues.

Complimentary coffee will be provided, though guests are expected to pay for their own meal. There is no requirement to buy breakfast to attend. For more information about the monthly event, go online at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis1 or call 510-374-3231.

Earth Day event to include work parties

The city's Earth Day celebration will be held Saturday, April 16, with work parties throughout the city starting at 9 a.m. The event will include a barbecue lunch at noon at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane. To sign up for a work party, call Janet Abelson at 510-525-7709.

Friends of El Cerrito Trees to offer lessons

The Friends of El Cerrito Trees will offer lessons on how to plant trees and offer tips on tree care from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 16 at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane. The tree workshops will be a part of the city's Earth Day activities, culminating in a barbecue lunch at the community center at noon.

To sign up for Earth Day work parties, e-mail earthday@ci-el-cerrito.org or call Janet Abelson at 510-525-7709. For more information about the "tree fun" event, call 510-965-1110.

Kensington

Panel to address leadership in White House

A panel discussion on challenging the moral leadership of the White House and the Pentagon will be held on Monday, April 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in Kensington.

The panel will include Allan Essex, the chair of the Northern California/Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ; and Rev. Drew Nettinga, pastor at the San Lorenzo Community Church. The panel may also include Ali Sheikh, a secretary on the board of directors, of the Muslim Cultural Center of Northern California; and possibly Congresswoman Barbara Lee or one of her legislative analysts. For more information, call 510-526-9146.

Committee on replacing library sought

Residents are being sought for a committee that's looking into expanding or replacing the Kensington Library.

The steering committee for the project held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 12 and will hold a second meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m., at the library, 61 Arlington Ave.

Money may become available for replacement or expansion of the library if voters approve a state library bond measure in June, 2006. The steering committee is working on a needs assessment and is exploring ways of raising money necessary for the application as well as matching funds for construction.

"We need people who have fundraising experience or experience with building projects," said Debbie Hamati, the president of the Friends of the Kensington Library.

For more information, call Hamati at 510-525-6273.

Meeting to address events ordinance plan

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21 at the Kensington Community Center to discuss and accept comments on the County's proposed Temporary Events Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would be applicable to all unincorporated areas of the County as well as Kensington.

For more information call the advisory council at 510-273-9926.

— Alan Lopez, Deborah Byrd

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, April 4

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Over the weekend someone broke into a beige Audi parked in the driveway of a residence on the 1000 block of Ordway Street.

Tuesday, April 5

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a white 1996 Honda Civic parked on the 1000 block of Ordway Street.

■ **HONDA STOLEN, RECOVERED** — During the someone stole a red 1989 Honda parked on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue. Four days later a friend of the victim found the vehicle on the 1200 block of Masonic Avenue. The owner was notified.

■ **CLARINET STOLEN** — Someone stole a clarinet inside a knapsack at a residence on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue during the night.

Wednesday, April 6

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At about 3 p.m. officers stopped a bicycle rider near Buchanan Street and Eastshore. They arrested the rider, a 51-year-old transient man, for possession of drugs and unlawful possession of a syringe. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **DANGEROUS PERSON** — At about 4 p.m. residents on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that a man they described as a white

adult 50 to 60 years old, 5-foot-6 inches tall, with a white beard and many necklaces, had tried to grab children and get them to take him home to work around the yard. A woman reported that the man had actually grabbed her son earlier in the day. Officers are investigating.

Thursday, April 7

■ **BATTERY** — At about 3:30 p.m. officers arrested a 64-year-old Albany man on the 1100 block of Masonic Avenue for battery. He was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **ASSAULT** — An Albany woman reported that a man had followed her on Solano Avenue and grabbed her rear. He departed west on Solano Avenue. Officers located an 18-year-old man and arrested him for assault. He was cited and released.

Friday, April 8

■ **DOUBLE HOME ROBBERY** — A resident on the 700 block of Stannage Avenue called to report that she had just returned home and found that her apartment had also been robbed. There were no witnesses. Police are investigating.

Saturday, April 9

■ **ARREST OF FIVE SUSPECTS** — At about 6:30 a.m. two 17-year-old boys called to report being robbed at knifepoint by five attackers while near

Santa Fe and Solano avenues. The robbers took them behind a building and robbed them of their backpack and money. The two victims walked to the 7-Eleven store on Solano Avenue and called police. Officers searched the area and located a group near Memorial Park on Portland Avenue. They arrested two 18-year-old Berkeley men, an 18-year-old Richmond man, a 19-year-old Oakland man and a 16-year-old Richmond boy for robbery, conspiracy and false imprisonment. The four men were cited and taken to the Berkeley Jail and the juvenile was transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ **DVD PLAYER STOLEN** — At about 6:30 a.m. a transient man reported that thieves had stolen his DVD player from his campsite near the I-80 entrance.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a red 1992 Honda Civic parked on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard.

■ **NISSAN SENTRA LOCATED** — Officers located a red Nissan Sentra on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard that had been stolen out of Richmond. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

■ **SATURN STOLEN** — Between 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. someone stole a blue 1993 Saturn that was parked on the 500 block of Carmel Avenue.

Sunday, April 10

■ **DODGE LOCATED** — Officers located a white 1989 Dodge on the 500

block of San Pablo Avenue that had been reported as stolen in Richmond. The owner was notified and the vehicle was towed.

■ **TWO HONDAS VANDALIZED** — During the night someone smashed the windows of a gold Honda Civic and a red 1995 Honda Civic that were parked on the 1000 block of Posen Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 11 p.m. an Albany man reported that thieves had broken into his vehicle while it was parked in a lot on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. The thieves departed in a silver minivan. A check of the license plate found that the mini-van had been stolen out of Berkeley.

Summary

During the week of April 4 officers towed five vehicles, responded to false alarms, attended to four lost deceased animals, assisted four people who were locked out of their homes and responded to four reports of barking dogs. In the domestic violence officers responded to one domestic dispute, seven civil disturbances, 138 civil assists. Officers stopped vehicles or persons issuing 48 citations and 40 warnings. Firefighter/paramedics responded to two medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Friday, March 11

■ **IDENTITY THEFT** — A 36-year-old Richmond woman was arrested after police found two separate Oregon drivers licenses and stolen checks in her wallet on San Pablo Avenue at 12:28 p.m. The woman was arrested on suspicion of identity theft.

Thursday, March 17

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 36-year-old Richmond parolee was arrested on suspicion of possessing a small amount of crack cocaine in the 6400 block of Hagen Boulevard at 3:30 p.m. Police contacted the man while he was parked in his car.

Friday, March 18

■ **COUNTERFEIT CHECKS** — A 21-year-old Oakland man was arrested on suspicion of attempting to pass a counterfeit traveler's check at Walgreens at 6:45 p.m. The man had a counterfeit driver's license, police said.

Saturday, March 19

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 49-

year-old El Sobrante man riding a bicycle at Lincoln Avenue and Norvell Street was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence and possessing a controlled substance. Police said the man dropped a plastic baggy containing what appeared to be methamphetamine. He was booked and released pending a test of the substance.

Monday, March 21

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 35-year-old Berkeley man parked in the 10800 block of San Pablo Avenue was arrested at 2:45 a.m. on suspicion of possessing hypodermic needles and methamphetamine.

Monday, April 4

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — Some \$800 in tools was taken from a home in the 800 block of Pomona Avenue between 3:45 p.m. on April 4 and 8:20 a.m. the next day.

Thursday, April 7

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck was taken from the 3000 block of San Mateo Street

sometime between 10:30 p.m. on April 7 and 4:40 a.m. the next day.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — At 4:55 p.m., a 47-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Longs Drugs in the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue. The man was on parole for prior thefts, police said.

Friday, April 8

■ **BURGLARY** — A home in the 2700 block of Tulare Avenue was ransacked sometime between 3:45 and 4:30 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A man was arrested near Carlson Boulevard and San Jose Avenue at 12:28 p.m. on suspicion of driving a 1986 Toyota pickup truck that had been reported stolen in Oakland on April 7.

Saturday, April 9

■ **ASSAULT** — At 11:39 a.m., a man was arrested on suspicion of assault in the 800 block of South 53rd Street. Police responded to a report of a disturbance in the area.

■ **PAROLE VIOLATION** — At 7:10 p.m., a 47-year-old El Cerrito man

with an outstanding warrant was arrested in the 7000 block of Lincoln Avenue on suspicion of possession of controlled substance. The man possessed ammunition, violating terms of his parole, police said.

Sunday, April 10

■ **ASSAULT** — A 44-year-old Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of hitting another woman on the head with a 5-gallon bucket. Alcoholics Anonymous meeting shortly before 12:30 p.m. The woman was treated at a hospital and released. The dispute stemmed from the unfaithfulness of a boyfriend. Women shared, police said.

Monday, April 11

■ **BURGLARY** — A home in the 800 block of Colusa Avenue was ransacked between 7:55 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

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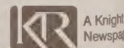
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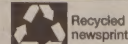
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Humorous excuses characterize tax time

THE INCOME tax," said Will Rogers, "has made more liars out of the American people than golf has." It's also made us into unwitting comedians. Every year, Larry Wright, the spokesman for the Oakland IRS office, collects the funniest excuses, mistakes, and inquiries from the public. Here are this year's winners (and he swears they're all true):

■ The father who wrote, "My daughter just married a man I can't stand. Can I get a casualty loss for the wedding?"

■ The woman who asked, "Can I deduct the cost of alterations to my clothes? I deducted my medical expenses for my breast enhancement surgery, and the clothes alterations are all part of the package."

■ The taxpayer who called and said in a quavering voice, "I got a letter from the IRS two weeks ago."

"What does it say?" asked the IRS agent.

"I don't know. I'm too scared to open it. Could you just tell me what's wrong?"

■ The cad who sent his wife to the IRS office to pick up a form 504. When she saw the form, she burst into tears. "It's the form for divorced or separated couples," said Wright. "That was his way of telling her she's a divorcee, huh?"

■ The Romeo who sent a special Delivery letter to the IRS that arrived before his tax return. "I was doing my taxes and writing my girlfriend at the same time," he wrote. "She got my tax return, which means she's going to get the love letter, and it's really, really personal. Could you please return it without reading it?"

■ The doctor who bought a racehorse and tried to deduct expenses associated with putting the horse out to stud. When the IRS pointed out that the horse is a gelding, the M.D. said, "I didn't know what that means."

■ The woman who tried to claim her teenage daughter's boyfriend as a dependent. "He's



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always over here, eating us out of house and home," she wrote. "I see more of him than his mother does!"

■ The man who asked the IRS to send him a pamphlet titled "Loopholes. (There isn't any, needless to say.)"

■ The woman who asked, "Can you look on your computer and tell me if my husband is dead?"

■ The taxpayer who claimed a "Pius" deduction. "And he wasn't even Catholic!" says Wright. "We scratched our heads over that one for quite a while until we finally figured it out: He'd misspelled 'Prius.'"

■ The woman who asked, "Can I deduct my Barbie Doll as a dependent?"

■ The man who hadn't filed for two years because "I couldn't find any tax forms." ("And believe it or not," said Wright, "he was a CPA!")

■ The guy who called and asked indignantly, "Why do you keep contacting me? Didn't you get my death notice? I mailed it to you!"

■ The taxpayer who wrote, "I haven't been able to sleep because I cheated on last year's tax return. Enclosed is a check for \$1,000. If I still can't sleep, I'll send you the balance."

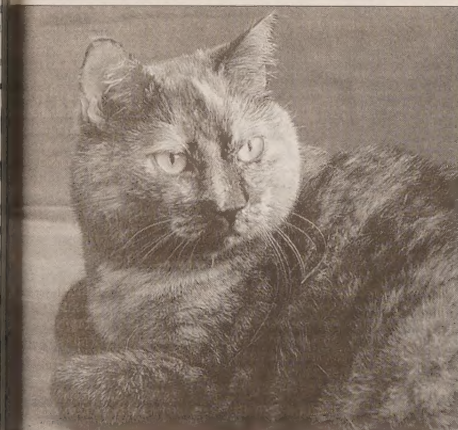
This column is dedicated to my long-suffering accountant, Scott Price, whose life I annually make a bed of pain by delaying sending him my tax information until the last moment.

I'm sorry, Scott. I promise to do better next year.

Of course, that's what I said last year.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email msnapp@cc-times.com.

LET OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY
Bill is an 8-year-old domestic shorthair with tortoiseshell coloring. He has a purr "like a motorboat" and only wants "a spot beside you on the couch," say the people at the Humane Society, where he may be available for adoption.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Male Labrador retriever, 5 years; female hound mix, 3 years; male dachshund/abrador retriever mix, 2 years; female Labrador retriever black, 1 year; male golden retriever, 1½ years; female dachshund, 1 year; male pitbull mix, 10 months; Australian shepherd mix, 10 months; terrier mix, 10 months;

Cats: Female domestic shorthair black and white, 8 years; female domestic longhair black and white, 8 years; female domestic longhair black, 7 years; female Maine coon/domestic longhair mix black and white, 5 years; female domestic shorthair tortoiseshell, 4 years; female domestic shorthair calico, 4 years; female Scottish fold/domestic shorthair mix tortoiseshell, 3 years; female Havana

Brown mix brown, 3 years; male domestic shorthair brown tabby, 2 years; male domestic shorthair orange tabby, 2 years; female domestic shorthair brown tabby, 1 year; female domestic shorthair buff tabby, 1 year; male domestic longhair brown tabby, 1 year; female domestic shorthair black tabby, 1 year; male domestic shorthair black, 1 year; male domestic shorthair black, 10 weeks.

Rabbits: female Chinchilla mix brown agouti, 2 years; female English Spot black and white, 3 years.

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Teacher's course takes students to a dark time

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Every semester, in room 808 of El Cerrito High School, Marsha Hebben and her class set out on a journey through a time in history that changed the world forever. The class is World War II, and lasts one semester. The experiences and lessons she teaches last a lifetime.

"I want my students to understand that evil happens because good people do nothing. I want them to make a connection with humanity across the years and realize that these people in history are no different than my students. I'm very concerned about moral conduct and moral character."

Since the first time she taught World War II, Mrs. Hebben has tried to make an impact on all of her students, through history. In 1988, the administration at El Cerrito encouraged teachers to create lesson plans for possible elective classes.

"Every year I wanted to teach more, but I always ran out of time," Hebben recalls about her time teaching world history. "Then we were encouraged to write lesson plans for electives and the course was born — at least in my head."

After the class was approved



ECHS: A LOOK BACK
David Ball

ARCHIVING PROJECT

An archiving team is working on preserving the history of El Cerrito High with three projects: A large display case with over 200 items, an oral history that will include interviews and will be made into a CD, and a See-El Cerrito High - For-The-Last-Time Weekend event. For details contact Joann Steck-Bayat at 510-524-9464 or jbayat@comcast.net or Lu Tipping at 233-7732 or tippingl@aol.com.

by the administration, the only hurdle that remained was approval by the students.

"I was so afraid that I wouldn't get enough students to fill a class, or even worse, have a class filled with boys in their military fatigues and their boots who would only want to play war games." To no one's surprise, except maybe her own, Hebben's class was a success.

As the years passed, the demand from the students for the class increased. Hebben went from teaching one class to two classes to three classes — and, at one point, six classes — on World War II per year.



MARSHA HEBBEN teaches a class about World War-II at El Cerrito High School.

"She makes you feel like you are living in the time period that she is teaching about because the curriculum is so hands-on. She is also one of the few teachers who teaches about the social aspect of a topic, rather than just the facts that you could find in a textbook ... and she is on fire," said Merrily Grashin, a senior and former student in the class.

The hands-on activities that entrench students in the epic war include an eventful Holocaust simulation that lasts for the majority of the semester. Every student becomes a Jewish male or female living in Europe during the Holocaust, trying to endure the evil of the Nazis and survive until the end of the war.

"World War II has allowed me to be a creative person and enabled me to take advantage of a number of great teaching strategies," remarked Hebben.

Surrounding the simulation

are guest speakers who recount their stories from World War II. Every year the speakers Hebben invites include Pearl Harbor veterans, Japanese American internment camp prisoners, Iwo Jima veterans, and of course, Holocaust survivors.

Hebben talked about what the class has meant to her. "It has provided me with a way that I can connect with the past. I am always back in any event that I teach about. It has changed me into a better person and a better teacher. I have more humanity and compassion. I appreciate what people from the past have sacrificed."

David Ball is a senior at El Cerrito High, editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper El Caballero and a team captain for both the varsity baseball and soccer teams. Reach him at dmb0101@aol.com.

Mental exercise effectiveness not limited to elderly

Q: Do your Mind Works techniques help people who may not be seniors but rather have suffered from brain damage due to an accident or stroke?

A: Mind Works techniques can be very useful inasmuch as mental activity helps almost everyone, with very few exceptions. Only those with the most severe brain problems, those who can function very little or not at all, cannot benefit from mental activity.

I have been working with "Bill," a brain-damaged middle-aged man, on a one-to-one basis for more than seven years. He was injured in an accident when he was in his 30s and suffered severe memory loss. Bill was able to function with help, and thus spent much of his time with a friend. They traveled and performed the daily, necessary activities together, but eventually, the friend was no longer available. Some time later, the family called me to find out if I could be of help, which at this time was at least 10 years after the accident.

Bill lives at home with his mother. I decided to work with him in his home, in familiar surroundings that I could help him remember in detail, to continually reinforce his awareness. As always, I concentrated on awareness as the most important factor in mental fitness.

For most of the years, we met every week. At present we meet every other week. Bill is always willing to try to solve any challenge that I present, and he enjoys solving problems and puzzles that I give to him. He has learned a great deal and has an extremely logical mind. Bill still does not remember specific activities from week to week, but can hold a number of variables in his mind during the time that we are working together. He rarely needs to write down details for our problem-solving sessions.



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

One example of a number of variables that he can remember involves groups of sentences. Each group introduces a different code. Each sentence has one or two encoded words that must be decided by the meaning of the rest of the sentence, the length of the word, and the configuration of the letters. Bill then goes through each group of sentences (usually five or six), re-

members the words and which code letters stand for the letters of each actual word. The last sentence presents an encoded mystery word. It must be solved by substituting actual letters for the code letters. Bill does this without needing to write the code letters, but by remembering the words and letters in previous sentences and substituting them in the mystery word. He does a very good job. Repeating a lesson eventually results in his learning, even though he does not remember the exact lesson.

I have worked with stroke survivors on a one-to-one basis in care facilities. The overall time was far less than for Bill, but they also benefited. A certain number of people always asked

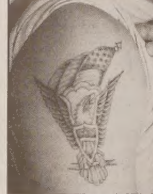
that I work with them individually after I had worked with the group as a whole.

So, yes, Mind Works techniques do work for people other than seniors. For me, it's exciting to know that these people are not only being helped by these innovative mental fitness techniques, but that they're having a lot of fun at the same time. That's just as important!

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com. Lynch is founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults. For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833 or visit www.blisinc.com/mindworks.htm.

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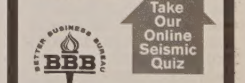
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

JEFF HANSEN • HILLS NEWSPAPERS

Theater students are equal to the challenge

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOLS Theatre Ensemble has tackled two unusually challenging plays, for a high school group, this month. And they're presenting them more or less simultaneously.

The plays close this weekend with "Benefactors" at 8 tonight and Saturday at 2 p.m. and "Wit" at 8 p.m. Saturday. Both plays are on stage at the Albany High School Little Theatre, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. (Tickets are sold at the door only: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Information: 510-558-2500, ext. 2579.)

British playwright Michael Frayn is perhaps best-known for his comedy "Noises Off," which let audiences see the frenetic backstage doings of an English theater troupe putting on a play.

"Benefactors," which premiered in 1984, is described in the online British Theatre Guide as "a four-hander which takes a wry, if sometimes depressed, look at a country that was five years into life under the Conservative Government of Margaret Thatcher. While Frayn is not known as a political playwright of the ilk of David Hare or Howard Brenton, this comedy has some very unkind observations to make about the 'Utopia' that was achieved by Mrs. Thatcher's administration."

The play is full of political analogies and utopian references as well as biting humor, blistering exchanges and fractured relationships.

"Bye Bye Birdie" it's not.

Neither is Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Wit," in which the lead character is an English professor dying of stage-four ovarian cancer. As she tells the audience, "There is no stage five."

"I know all about life and death," she says. "I am, after all, a scholar of Donne's Holy Sonnets, which explore mortality in greater depth than any other body of work in the English language."

"Watching her battle of wits and the intellectual veneer applied by both Bearing and the doctors would be a remarkable evening of theater," wrote theater critic Pat Craig of a 2000 performance in San Francisco, "but to see the evolution of (her) discovering her own frail and vulnerable humanity, makes the play an unforgettable heart-wrenching experience."

We live in a time when adults like to wring their hands over the dumbing-down of culture, particularly pop culture as embraced by teenagers.

But adults have sort of done this throughout history. One generation always seems sure that the next one will not have the intellectual, emotional or spiritual resources to take on the world they will inherit.

Of course, adults also often forget that the generation just before them felt exactly the same way.

We also sometimes forget that high school students are complex beings. They can surprise us by knowing when to be serious and when to be frivolous.

The have minds that can easily appreciate both baseball and Shakespeare, skateboards and Verdi, hip-hop and microbiology, Spongebob Squarepants — and serious plays like "Wit," or "Benefactors."

And not just like them, but study, absorb and present them to an audience.

Albany High's Theatre Ensemble students — including the student crews who do everything from production design to PR — deserve applause. They deserve it now as well as on the day of performance.

Bravo, kids.

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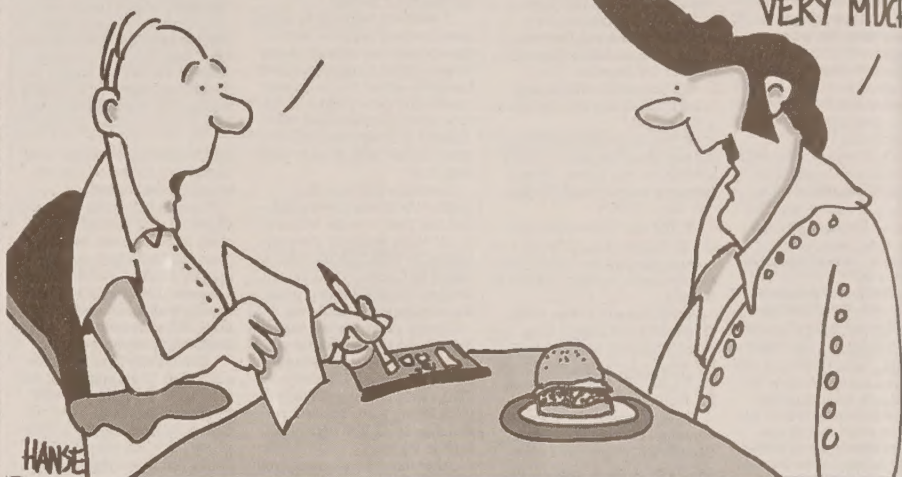
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notification initiative is a bad idea

Regarding the state-mandated parental notification initiative: The last thing I want is a one-size-fits-all constitutional amendment telling me how and when to communicate with my teenage daughter.

Sensitive health decisions should be made within families, free of government intrusion.

This initiative will hurt more than help. I know of homes where family communication is impossible. What happens in those families? Or where a teen may face violence should her parents find out she's pregnant?

And what if she's the victim of incest? Is the government going to force her to notify her abusive parents before she can get medical help? Or force her to go before a judge? That could take a long time. The court system is packed enough as it is with serious, criminal issues.

There is nothing in this initiative that provides families with the real solutions they need. Even worse, this constitutional amendment may actually harm families where communication isn't possible.

This is a bad idea.

Chris Sorensen
Kensington

Cause of sprawl

The postulated urban limit lines try to address the sprawl problem but not its cause. Unless that is done, the limits will fail.

The sprawl occurs because of greatly increased land values in urban centers, much greater than those in suburban areas. This affects the cost of a dwelling, even though the building cost is no greater in, say, Oakland, than in Brentwood. The overall higher cost in, say, Oakland makes a family like the prospect of moving farther from an urban center. As thousands of others do likewise, we experience increased traffic and the costs of road improvements to serve the new residents.

If reducing sprawl is desirable (I think it is), an approach to control land costs needs to be considered. A very simple one is to levy the property tax on the value of the land alone and to stop punishing folks for putting up buildings, with a tax thereon.

New idea? Oh, no. Wherever it has been done, the effect is to increase land use in urban centers. Let's deal with the basic cause instead of trying to restrict a natural economic motive to reduce cost.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Courts wrong

The courts should not decide that someone be starved to death based on one person's statement of how that person wants to live.

The absolute minimum requirement for the courts to kill a person should be a valid will that transfers your property when you die and a written statement with several witnesses.

In the absence of such a statement, a disabled person should get at least the amount of review as a condemned murderer.

One should have his or her public defender argue to save one's life.

Richard Keller
El Cerrito

Claims not believable

West Contra Costa school district is privileged to have a well-trained and committed cadre of teachers who work hard every day to improve students' skills.

Shirley Dang's story of teacher assaults (Journal, April 8) raises some important questions.

If, as United Teachers of Richmond President Gail Mendes claims, a teacher casually told her that boys routinely grabbed her breasts in the halls, it causes me to wonder why this teacher is so casual about it.

Quite frankly, I don't believe Mendes' story. I don't think that teacher exists. No one would tolerate that kind of behavior. The wonderful teachers Mendes represents should not tolerate her manufactured and titillating stories. They can and should have much better representation than Mendes is capable of providing.

They are simply too good and talented to accept the immature and incoherent lack of leadership she provides.

Cathie Kosel
Kensington

Kosel is a retired West Contra Costa school district administrator.

Passenger inconvenience

Recently, my wife took BART from San Francisco Airport to the El Cerrito BART station.

There is a real problem for people with baggage arriving at El Cerrito BART because the entire block on the west side of the station, as well as the entire block on the east side, except for a taxi rank, has been made an AC Transit bus stop and red-zoned.

This means that passengers with baggage exiting the station must carry their baggage into the parking lot, where there is a white zone.

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The fine for letting off or picking up in a red zone is, as you know, very high.

The police at El Cerrito BART vigorously ticket red zone violators, as I personally have seen. Therefore, my wife had to take her heavy baggage across the street into the lot so I could pick her up.

Why should there be an enormous red zone around the station? One or, at most, two AC Transit buses stop at the same time on either side. Yet, there is room for about a dozen of them.

Shouldn't there be a white zone, as well, for the convenience of passengers?

Morton D. Paley
Berkeley

What's Arnold's rush?

Gov. Schwarzenegger's call for a special election in November is ill-conceived and self-serving.

We don't need an election that will cost up to \$70 million, when a regularly scheduled election will take place only six months later.

What's the rush? Arnold is trying to make an end-run around election laws by bringing his agenda before the voters in 2005. In that way, he can continue to raise funds from his base of millionaire supporters, something he would not be able to do once he declares his candidacy for re-election in 2006.

Equally important is the fact that in 2006, California law will require a voter verified paper trail. A special election in 2005 will have no paper trail and no way to validate the results if they are questioned.

We don't want what happened in Ohio to happen in California.

Michael Marchant
Albany

Inconceivable naiveté

It is inconceivable that not just one, but two, prominent politicians are so naive that they were unable to envision a massive casino brought about by their lack of prudent foresight.

Rep. George Miller claims he had no inkling that the one-paragraph change he slipped into a huge Indian bill allowed the Pomo Indians to take Casino San Pablo into trust and, consequently, would open the door for a massive casino.

Then, hot on the trail, Gov. Schwarzenegger entered into a compact with the Lyttons — and here we are folks, fasten your seatbelts for a big chunk of Las Vegas to be slam-dunk in our quiet midst.

Urbanity insanity, slowly and surely, will erode the California we treasure.

I was not in favor of Indian gaming, envisioning the quagmire in which we are caught. If I, as an ordinary Jane Doe, could see the painting on the wall, just where were Miller and Schwarzenegger in their visions?

Diane E. Severson
Kensington

Community and its stories are Library Week goal

Quote of the week:
 "From immigrant youth-proposed photo exhibits to oral history presentations, from poetry slams to reading and discussion groups, from films and videos to public forums, there's something everyone who cares about California and its future."

— About "California Stories Uncovered," from the "Humanities Network," of the California Council for the Humanities.

THIS APRIL again and, among other things, April means National Library Week. Bay Area libraries are celebrating all month with the slogan "Your library card... Get it! Use it!" appearing on the backs of buses and on movie theater screens throughout the area.

This month, the American Library Association (ALA) also is sponsoring a National Library Week celebration about the importance of libraries. This year's celebration includes the words: "Whereas, libraries are the heart of the American Dream — places for opportunity, education, self-help and life-long learning;" and, "Whereas, more individuals need to be recruited into the profession of librarianship



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
 At the Library

and to work in libraries to maintain their vitality in today's changing workplace."

There is more to this document (and you can read it all at the ALA Web site, www.ala.org) but these two parts stand out for me. In particular, the idea that all libraries should be actively recruiting — especially reaching out to a diverse population — so the library staff reflects our society more accurately.

Libraries all over California have also joined with the California Council on the Humanities (CCH) — a state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities — in a campaign called "California Stories Uncovered." This month-long campaign includes a great variety of events, with local programs in San Francisco, Alameda County, Berkeley and Contra Costa County. Some of

these are discussions with writers, like Ji-Li Jiang, author of "Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of a Cultural Revolution," who will be at the Albany Library at 7:30 p.m. on April 20. Her talk will end at 9 p.m. and will be followed by a reception co-sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library and the Albany Library Board.

The Berkeley Public Library main branch has a photography exhibit called "Overcoming Faceless Labor," which will run through June 15; the Dublin Library will have a program from 4 to 5 p.m. on April 19, called "All Families Have Stories," which will include stories by Olga Loya, who grew up in East Los Angeles; and, the Fremont Library will have a poetry workshop called "Writing California," led by local poet and teacher Alison Seavak.

Some libraries, including the Albany Library, will host discussions on the new book jointly published by CCH and Heyday Books: "California Uncovered: Stories for the 21st Century." Chitra Divakaruni edited this anthology of 25 writers, and it includes poems, essays, stories and memoirs from writers such

as John Steinbeck, Maxine Hong Kingston, Mas Masumoto and Li Thi Diem Thuy.

"Humanities Network," CCH's quarterly newsletter, dedicated a special edition to this campaign. Pictured on the front is Maria Shriver, who is the event's honorary chair. There is also a quote from CCH's executive director, Jim Quay, who explains the title of this campaign: "If our official history is in a textbook, 'Uncovered' is the letters home, family snapshots, storytelling and personal prose that tells an authentic, intimate story about who we are and where we come from."

I particularly like the use of the words "our" and "we" in this quote. I think it is important to remember that in California — or in the United States, for that matter — each one of us is part of the community that is our country. This campaign helps us to remember that there is no "them" — only a wonderfully diverse "we."

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Everyone's a winner

NELDA WELTEN reacts while playing black jack with Edward Quidachay during the annual Casino Night fund-raiser for El Cerrito High School at the El Cerrito Community Center on Saturday. The event featured food and drink, casino games, and donated goods and services to bid on in a silent auction.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Albany Library will screen the film "Aging in America: The Years Ahead" at 1:30 p.m. May 5. A one-hour look at what it means to grow older in America, explores the unprecedented highs and the prolonged lows of growing old in America. From burlesque dancers in their seventies to geriatric prison wards, this film takes us to the extreme ends of longevity while asking, "What is a good old age?" The film and its companion book are the result of seven years of fieldwork by the internationally acclaimed team of writer Julie Winkur and photographer Ed Kashi. They traveled across the country, collecting scores of personal histories that when taken collectively challenge the culture of aging in America.

Ji-Li Liang, author of "Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution," will talk about her life and her writings in an appearance at 7:30 p.m. April 20.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. For information on its services and programs, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

of the El Cerrito Library. Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the check-out desk. Next up: "In the Time of the Butterflies," by Julia Alvarez (April 26).

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The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

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Round up the young'uns and bring 'em down to the library to meet Lariat Larry (aka Larry Klunger), who will tell true tales, tall tales and legends of the Wild West, at 6:30 p.m. May 17 at the Kensington Library. Larry also does rope tricks — and just might cut an audience member out of the herd to try spinning a lasso herself or himself.

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— Compiled by Deborah Byrd

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

Albany High School Needs Assessment survey, developed by the School Site Council, for next school year, is now available online. The results of this important survey will be shared with all funding groups to develop priorities for our resources. Complete the survey online at <http://ahs.mowshed.com>. Print out and turn in to the office. Deadline is Monday, April 18.

Next meeting of the AHS Counter-Library Recruitment Committee is Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m., Room 217. Musical Music Director Beth Jennings reports that the AHS Jazz Band received a performance rating of "Unanimous Superior" at the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival (March 26). As a result of their performance rating, the jazz band performed in the Community Performance as well. In addition, the BAM Squad earned a rating of "Unanimous Superior" in their combo performance. The Senior Combo earned a performance rating of "Excellent." The AHS Jazz Band will perform at the Monterey Jazz Next Generation Festival (April 8-10).

Parents are invited and encouraged to complete the needs assessment survey at <http://ahs.mowshed.com>. All funding groups, including School Site Council, SchoolCare, and AHS, to set priorities for resources. Senior Tedra Tanner-Grogans and math teacher Sarah Blaisdell took 20 AHS students to the annual Young Women's Health Conference, an opportunity for the young ladies to receive information on a variety of health topics specific to their age and gender possibly unavailable from school or at home. The students participated in workshops that focused on such topics as birth control, sexually transmitted infections, drug use, body image, sexual orientation, domestic abuse, violence in the streets, women in athletics, leadership, and

sisterhood. Kaiser Permanente's play "Secrets" was performed and students were informed about various community resources.

Cal Youth Sports offers counselor-in-training, junior counselor and group leader/instructor positions at Strawberry Canyon Recreation Area. Paid summer positions for biological science aides at least 16 years of age may be available at the Albany USDA building. And a paid internship, requiring a two-year commitment, is available with Washington Mutual Bank for a rising junior or senior at least 16 years of age. Ms. Sumburg has information about all these positions in the Counseling Office.

Albany Middle School

The dates for summer school are June 20-July 29. Students not meeting state standards in math and English will be required to attend. Registration is underway for Albany residents not now attending Albany schools who would like to in the fall. Registration hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m. Families of students not returning to Albany schools in fall should call 510-558-3615.

Open House is Thursday, April 28, 7-8 p.m., when parents and students are invited to visit the classrooms. Prior to Open House, fifth grade parent orientation will take place in the gym. Parents of incoming fifth-graders are invited to come to the gym at 6 p.m. Tickets for this year's school play, "Nightmare on Key Route," are available for \$10 in the office. The play will run at 7:30 p.m. at the Albany High School Little Theater on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, and Friday and Saturday, May 13-14.

With the start of the fourth quarter, eighth-grade graduation and behavioral standards have begun. All students received a copy of the standards before spring break. Parents should discuss these with their children. Copies are available in the

school office.

The next school dance is Friday, April 22, from 8-10 p.m. Tickets will go on sale for \$4 during lunch starting Tuesday, April 19. This is the last dance of the year for sixth- and seventh-graders; eighth-graders will have a graduation dance on June 15. The AMS wrestling Cobras won the league championships in the sixth grade and seventh grade divisions. The individual champions were: Simon Leemans, Brain Bernard, Michael Kelley, Ben Pennell, Jacob Purkey, Erik Pichler, Daryn Singh, Ben Kessler, and Kirsten Rapella.

April 15: 3rd quarter report cards mailed
 April 19: Spring pictures
 April 22: School dance, 8-10 p.m., gym

Marin Elementary School

Donations for Change for Change, the Afghanistan schools fund, totaled \$1,400.30, and Elsie De Laere is on her way to Afghanistan to deliver the donations and a suitcase full of books.

STAR testing takes place April 25-May 20. Grades 2-5 will be tested in reading/language arts and math, and Grade 5 will also take a science test. Parents may request student exemption from the testing.

The Marin Open House and Investigations 2004, on May 26, is an opportunity for students to investigate something that interests them or to invent something. Non-competitive participation is voluntary for K through Grade 3 and is part of the science curriculum for Grades 4 and 5. Projects will be displayed in the Multi-use Room. Orientation for fifth grade parents will take place on Thursday, April 28 in the gym, 6-6:45 p.m. Afterward, parents are invited to visit classrooms as part of the Open House from 7 to 8 p.m.

April 23: KIDPOWER parent/child workshop, 10 a.m.-noon.

April 20: April Community Sing, 8:35 a.m.

April 25-May 20: STAR testing, grades 2-5

May 14: Marin PTA Picante dinner, at the school

May 18: PTA meeting, 8:30-10:30 a.m., childcare by reservation at 510-559-6520

May 26: Open House and Science Investigations Fair, 7-8 p.m.

Ocean View Elementary

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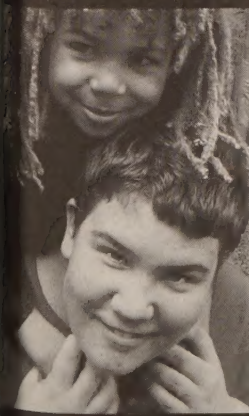
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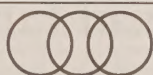


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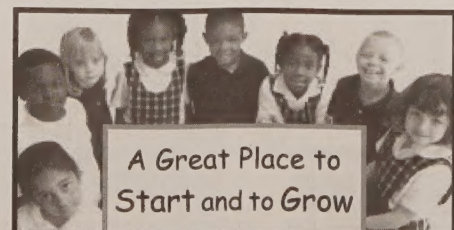
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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddings@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents: Gayle Schmidt & the Tooda Ramblers perform front porch bluegrass, old-time songs honoring Earth Day April 23. — Orange Sherbet, Jill Pierce & Tamsen Fynn perform songs about dinosaurs and dump trucks April 30. — Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children; unless otherwise noted. Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Habitot Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., presents: Choke Saving Skills Day 11 a.m. April 16, using realistic mannequins; free choking hazard test tubes given to visiting families. Admission: \$6 child, \$5 adult. Details: 510-647-1111 or go to www.habitot.org.

■ **Ashkenaz** presents Caribbean musical storyteller **Asheba** 3 p.m. April 24 at 1317 San Pablo Ave. Admission: \$4 children, \$6 adults. Details: www.asheba.net.

■ **First Stage Children's Theater** presents "The Case of the Ancient Artifacts" 7:30 p.m. April 26 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Tickets: \$5. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ Target Corporation presents a **Play Date** at 12:30 p.m. on May 1 for parents to enjoy a discounted matinee at **Berkeley Repertory's** Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., while their kids enjoy five hours of supervised activities at Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way. Event includes 2 p.m. matinee of "Peoples Temple". Fee: \$20 per child to

YMCA, and a discounted ticket rate to Berkeley Rep of \$25. Less than cost of a babysitter, plus 45 percent off regular ticket price. 510-647-2949 or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, presents Exploratorium sampler exhibit showing through May 1. Many favorite hands-on exhibits. — "Alien Earths" exhibit shows through May 8. — Admission \$4.50-\$8.50. www.lawrencehallofscience.com or 510-642-5132.

Community

■ **St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church**, Richmond, hosts a 30th year Pre-Anniversary celebration honoring their Pastor and wife Rev. John H. Green & Sister Othello Green 7 p.m. April 15 at His Lordship Restaurant, 199 Seawall Drive. Tickets: \$50 adults, children 11 and older, \$25 children 4-10 years old. Anniversary services begin 7 p.m. April 22 at 165 South 7th St. Details: 510-234-7973.

■ **St. Alban's Church** announces their Spring Bazaar 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 16 at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. Items available include collectibles, household items, handcrafts, and attic treasures.

■ **California Writers Club**, Berkeley Branch presents Beth Proudfoot, Director, East of Eden Writers Conference, speaking on "Making the Most of Writers Conferences and Literary Contests" 10 a.m.-12 p.m. April 16 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Jack London Square, Event Loft, 98 Broadway, Oakland. Free. Details: www.berkeleywriterclub.org.

■ **East Bay Atheists**, Berkeley meeting is 2-5 p.m. April 16 at Berkeley's Main Library, 2090 Kittredge St., 3rd floor Meeting Room. Richard Carrier presents lecture "Ethicality: Proposing a New Science of Moral Imperatives." Details: Larry 510-222-7580 or eastbayatheists.org.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following pet adoption events: cats 12-3 p.m. April 16, 23, 30 at Your Basic

Bird, 2940 College Ave.; dogs 12-3 p.m. April 30 at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)** upcoming free special events: Free hands-on bicycle clinics 10-11:30 a.m. April 17. — Kayaking 101 is 7 p.m. April 19. Details: 510-527-4140 or www.rei.com/stores.

■ **Ohlone Greenway Night Walk** is 7:30 p.m. April 18 at Brighton Street, 8 p.m. at El Cerrito Plaza BART station. Join Friends of Five Creeks for a night walk to look at lighting issues in Albany and El Cerrito. Review Albany's plans for new lighting, fill out a survey to be shared with city planners. www.fivecreeks.org.

■ **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** — East Bay Chapter holds a Support Group for families of children with mental illness 7-8:45 p.m. April 19 at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., Albany. Group provides information and support. Free. 510-524-1250.

■ **UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy** presents a talk by Irshad Manji: "Confessions of a Muslim Dissident: Why I Fight for Women, Jews, Gays...and Allah" 4-5:30 p.m. April 19 at Pauley Ballroom (ASUC Student Union). Book signing after talk. Free. Details: 510-642-4670 or <http://gspp.berkeley.edu>.

■ **Berkeley Garden Club** presents a Spring Tea and "Natural Flower Arranging" demonstration by Janet Farina of Freshly Cut Flowers. Demonstration is 1 p.m., tea at 2 p.m. April 19 at Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Fee: \$8. Details: 510-524-4374.

■ **Jewish Family & Children's Services** of the East Bay Center for Older Adult Services, 828 San Pablo Ave., Suite 104, Albany, presents free lectures: "Community Resources for Better Health & Well-Being" 4-6 p.m. April 19. — "Adaptations for Safety & Independence at Home" 4-6 p.m. April 21. Details/registration: 510-558-7800.

■ **"Guatemala Revisited"** program by Ruth Michaels, discussion is 1:30-3 p.m. April 22 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Details: 510-232-1351.

■ Celebrate Earth Day with "The Future of Food" — an evening of Food, Film & Discussion at 7 p.m. April 22 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 Col-

lege Ave. Wine & cheese reception 6:15 p.m. Film about genetically modified foods, with panel discussion by authors Mollie Katzen & Michael Pollan, scientist Ignacio Chapela, filmmaker Deborah Koons Garcia. Tickets: \$10-\$20 benefits Community School of the East Bay Scholarship Fund. Details: 510-923-0505 or www.cseeb.org.

■ **"See No Evil: Media in a Time of War"** fundraiser is 8 p.m. April 22 at Berkeley High School's Florence Schwimley Little Theater, 1920 Allston Way. A benefit for Berkeley Community Media and Communication Arts and Sciences Small School at Berkeley High. Features Democracy Now! journalist Amy Goodman presenting documentary "Independent Media in a Time of War," documentary producer Mark Brecke showing slides from his recent trip to Sudan. Tickets: \$15. Details: <http://www.betv.org/seenoevil.html>.

■ **Berkeley Earth Day Fair** is 12-5 p.m. April 23 at Civic Center Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Way at Allston. U.S. Congressperson Dennis Kucinich invited as speaker; cultural performers, climbing wall, Big Tadpole Puppet Crew, vegetarian food, craft and community booths. Volunteers needed. 510-654-6346 or www.hesternet.net.

■ **Earth Day at Berkeley Farmer's Market**: Fun & Learning for Kids & Adults is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 23 at Center Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free. Baby goats, urban chickens, poster exhibition, hand wool-spinning, informational beehive, more. 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Albany YMCA Giant Garage Sale** is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 23 at 921 Kains Ave., Albany. Clothing, books, children's toys, household/office items, more. Supports Albany YMCA Youth and Senior Financial Assistance Programs. 510-525-1130.

■ **Congregation Beth El's** upcoming Seders, at 2301 Vine St.: Second Night Community Passover Seder 5:45 p.m. April 24. Fee: \$18-\$45. — Interfaith Families Seder 5:45 p.m. April 25. \$18-\$36. — Women of Beth El Potluck Seder 6:30 p.m. April 28. \$7. — Singles Seder-Shalom to Pesach 6 p.m. April 30. \$24-\$36. 510-848-3988 ext. 11.

■ **Kol Hadash**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, presents Passover Seder at 6 p.m. April 30 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Reservations must be re-

ceived by April 25. For cost and details: call 925-254-0609 or 925-254-1908.

■ **American Red Cross's** next mobile blood drives are: 2-7 p.m. April 27 at LDS Berkeley University, 2368 LeConte Ave. Sign up at the LDS University Ward or call 510-848-7571. — 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 28 at Berkeley Aquatic Park, 700 Heinz Avenue, Building F. Details: 800-448-3543 or www.BeADonor.com.

■ **La Pena Community Chorus** presents Class of 2005 Grad Nite fundraiser concert 8 p.m. April 29 at El Cerrito High School's Little Theater, Mexican folkloric music, American Gospel and American folk. Voices are accompanied by instrumentalists. Tickets: \$10-\$20 sliding scale; send a check payable to "ECHS Grad Nite" to: Lisa

Schliff, 1335 Brewster Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530, and tickets will be mailed to you. Include SASE. To help mail call 510-236-3003.

■ **El Cerrito Art Association's** annual Art Show and Sale is April 28-May 1 at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Reception and awards ceremony is April 28. There is a variety of two and three dimensional media are welcome. Entries are hand delivered to Center at 6:30 a.m. April 29. Non refundable fee of \$10 per piece and limit to three entries. Go to Center or area libraries for an entry form or call 510-526-6900.

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Obituaries and In Memoriam

Betsey Mae Mahle

Betsey Mae Mahle, 83, born November 8, 1921, passed away fully March 15, 2005 following a stroke and long illness with emphysema. She had been residing in the Kensington Care in Kensington under the loving care of Ted and Linda Kurland for three and a half months.

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, she graduated from Hamline University with a degree as a Registered Nurse. Her nursing career involved working in Boston, Chicago and Colorado Springs, moving to the Montclair District in Oakland. There she became Professor of Nursing at Chabot Community College where she used the noble skills of nursing to generations of students from 1966 till her retirement in June of 1987.

She was a long time resident of Montclair where she lived surrounded by friends as the duo of Marty and Betsey. Marty had a patient over fifty years ago with polio and Betsey's care of turned into a life long commitment of care and devotion to. Together, there was not a shopping excursion that went by without them. Their home was filled with beauty, laughter, music, their two Schnauzers Heidi and Shotty and many celebrations with friends. After Marty's death, Betsey moved to Baywood Court in San Leandro where she resided for the last two years until her death in Kensington. She was preceded in death by her parents Ed and Bessie Mahle and her only sibling, brother Bill Mahle of Boulder, Colorado. She leaves behind to remember her smile and beautiful eyes, many friends and acquaintances she made along her earthly journey.

A memorial service will be held on April 24, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Montclair. Cremation and interment at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland Ca.

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Schools & Activities

Musical Literacy Workshop

Zoltán Kodály (20th century Hungarian composer) believed that all children could and deserved to be taught to read and write music. He developed a system to not only teach the mechanics and vocabulary of music, but to train the mind and especially the ear to hear and truly understand music. Kodály believed that everyone should be able to write what they hear, and hear what they see. Many music students are taught that the third space of the music staff is a C and the second space an A, but the Kodály method teaches students to know what sound C to A makes. It is the difference between knowing that the symbols R, U and N are called "ahr", "you" and "en", and knowing how to pronounce RUN. Music is an aural language and as such must be taught and learned aurally. The Kodály method accomplishes this and thus creates a musically literate student. To see this method and its process, including live student demonstrations, come to a presentation sponsored by The Renaissance School at 2:00pm on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at City of the Lord Zion Church 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland.

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WESTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM

VERY A LA SPRING: The Western Railway Museum once again presents spring season Scenic Limited train rides. Passengers take a leisurely 10-mile round-trip ride heading from the museum to the Azuma Hills. Vistas of Mount Diablo, the Suisun Marsh and thousands of acres of lush green farmlands you wouldn't see otherwise are along the way, as well as brilliant displays of wildflowers. **Details:** The Western Railway Museum's Scenic Limited train rides began April 2 and run through April 24. Trains depart 11 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 11 a.m. Wednesdays. \$12, Solano County. \$5-\$8. 707-374-2978, www.wrm.org.

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Exhibits

Julia Morgan College of the Arts' Fair is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 16. Walkway, Oakland campus. Free Collect work by newest talent at annual Spring event by the CCA Student Art Fair. Details: 510-594-3666.

Julia Schools Performing Arts and Visual Art Exhibit is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 17 at Berkeley Community Center, 1330 Allston Way. Fifth through high school orchestras, jazz bands; dance and theatre troupes from various schools & levels. Districtwide artwork on in lobby. Details: 510-644-8772.

W.L. Magnes Museum, 2911 St., presents: "Acting Out: Cahan and Marcel Moore" on July 31 at Reutlinger Gallery; "Naomie Kremer, Shetel" on July 31. — "The People and the Paintings and Rare Books in the Museum's Collection" through in Second Floor Gallery. — "Creative Partnership Conference" in the Era of Claude Cahan (Moore) is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 7/30 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley. Details: 510-549-6950 wlmagnes.org.

Julia College of the Arts presents Simpson MFA Awards Exhibition at 22-29 at Oliver Art Center, campus, 5212 Broadway. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 12-5 p.m. Admission: \$5. Details: 510-658-1223.

Salon & Gallery presents "Paintings by Michael Grady" through April 23 at 1887 Ave. Details: 510-527-3100.

Leaf Gallery/Sculpture presents "Interfused" through at 1286 Gilman St. www.sculpture.com or 510-525-7621.

Arto Art Association's 29th Anniversary Exhibit is April 30, May 1 at El Community Center, 7007 Mooser St. Cash, ribbon awards. Show opens with a reception ceremony April 29. Art variety of media will be in special category of Asian art. Non-refundable entry fee. Delivery of work available at El Center, area libraries or by 510-526-9564 or 510-234-5028.

Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. presents Lewis Suzuki's work in lobby through April 30. — "La Lucha" shows in Cafe. — "Celebrating International Month" is in Theater. 510-849-7100. www.lapena.org.

Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific presents: Matrix 216; "The Year of the Doppelgänger" April 24-June 26; "Blind at the" through July 24; "Drawn by Oil Sketches by Peter Paul" through May 15 at 2625 Durant Ave. 510-642-0808 or www.berkeleyart.org.

Abraazian, Peggy art exhibit by Michael Abrazian, art collection and photographs shows through at Innersport's gallery, Straw Hat Design Center, 1250 Addison St. 510-883-1128 or go to www.innersport.com.

940 presents Ruth von Waters' "Between Dimensions" through May 31 at 940 Dwight St. 650-594-1577.

Julia Art Museum/Film presents "Turning Out" collection of radical/nonconformists, and "Figurations," a variety of perspectives on the film, through Jan. 22, 2006. — 510-642-0808.

dance/stage

Albany High School Theater presents Michael Frayn's "Shoeshoeshoe" at Albany High School Theater, 603 Key Route Albany. Showtimes: 8 p.m. April 16. Tickets at student seniors, \$10 adults. 510-558-2500 x2579.

April 16, \$14. — son jarocho group Son de Madera 7 p.m. **April 17, \$10.** — Domingo de Rumba 3:30 p.m. **April 17.** — Gustavo Castro, Direct from Chiapas 7:30 p.m. **April 20, \$5-\$10.** — 21MST March to Brazilia 7:30 p.m. **April 21, \$5-\$20 donation.** — Women in Salsa Celebration 9 p.m. **April 22, \$12.** Arte Flamenco with Roberto Zamora 8 p.m. **April 23, \$18-\$20.** — Celebracion de Culturas is 5 p.m. **April 24, \$15.** — film "Sexo con Amor/Sex with Love" 7:30 p.m. **April 28, \$8.** — Chus Alonso's Potingue 5:30 p.m. **April 29, \$10-\$12.** — Carolyn Brandy wih Ojalal & Las Locas de Loco Bloco 7:30 p.m. conversation, 8:30 p.m. show **April 30, \$12-\$14.** Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

Black Repertory Group presents "Bubbling Brown Sugar," the Broadway musical **April 15 - May 14** at 3201 Adeline St. Play tells history and "real story of Harlem" through song. Soul food & champagne gala is 6:30 p.m. **April 15, \$25.** Showtimes: Fridays 8 p.m.; Saturdays 2:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Tickets: general admission \$12 advance, \$15 at door; 57 seniors/students. Details: 510-652-2120.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre's "Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical" by Frank Wildhorn & Leslie Bricusse shows **April 15-May 21** at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Showtimes: Friday, Saturdays 8 p.m.; April 24, May 1, 8, 15 2 p.m. A tale of epic battle between good and evil, based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic about a brilliant doctor whose experiments with human personality create a murderous counterpart. Admission: \$12-\$20. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.cccct.org.

University Dance Theater presents works by Carol Murota, Lisa Wyman, Ellis Wood **April 15-24** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. Performance times: 8 p.m. April 15, 16, 22, 23; 7 p.m. April 17, 2 p.m. April 24. Tickets: \$8-\$14; go to http://theater.berkeley.edu or call 510-642-9925.

Albany High School Theater Ensemble presents play "Wit" 8 p.m. **April 16** at Albany High School Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Tickets at door: \$5 student seniors, 10 adults. Details: 510-558-2500 x2579.

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents: Benefit concert for Doctors Without Borders in the Congo 9:30 p.m. **April 16.** Tickets: sliding scale \$15-\$25. — Cost: \$13 general, \$11 students w/ ID, unless otherwise noted. Details: 510-525-5054 or go to www.Ashkenaz.com.

Traveling Jewish Theater presents its "Middle East Project: Blood Relative" **April 21-May 1** at Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave. Focuses on a character with a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. Tickets: \$23-\$34. Details: 415-285-8080, www.juliamorgan.org or www.atjt.com.

Impact Theatre presents new installment of short comic plays "Impact Briefs 7: the How-To Show" 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights **April 22-May 28** at La Villa's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Details: 510-464-4468.

UC Berkeley Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies presents **Student Workshop Production "Lab Run"** 8 p.m. **April 28-30**, 2 p.m. April 30 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, Room 7. Tickets: \$5. — **Spring Choreography Workshop** featuring "Al-low" by Samantha Puentes is 4:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. May 6 at UC Berkeley's Durham Studio Theater. Free. Details: http://theater.berkeley.edu.

Wild Irish Productions presents premiere of "Ariel" by Marina Carr through **May 1** at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Greek myth Iphigenia infused with language and idiom of Irish Midlands. Tickets: \$18-\$22; opening night \$25; go to www.wildirish.org or call 510-644-9940.

Berkeley Repertory Theater presents "Page to Stage," a series of conversations with eminent theatre artists at 7 p.m. at 2015 Addison St. Schedule is as follows: **May 2:** playwright & director Leigh Fondakowski. Free. Details: 510-647-2949 or go to www.berkeleyrep.org.

Interviews with America's working people. Admission: \$15; call 510-649-5999 or go to www.aefolberkeley.org.

St. Joseph the Worker Church presents "First Fridays," programs with a social conscience, on the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at 2125 Jefferson St. Details: 510-482-1062.

Shahrazad Dance Company, specializing in contemporary Persian and Fusion dance, is recruiting dancers to perform in various events in the Bay Area and (occasionally) L.A. Experience in Modern dance performance necessary. Experience in Ballet, Flamenco, Indian dance helpful. Rehearsals 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays in Berkeley. Call or email for audition info: 510-215-2166 sda@sadance.org.

Orches, a nonprofit dance/art organization, presents "Dance Jamies," a multigenerational family event 6-9:30 p.m. every third Saturday. Event includes a dance class warm-up, dance jam, food and popcorn concession with cartoon, dance clip and movies, at Motivity Center, 2525 8th St. Call 510-832-3835 or e-mail orches@earthlink.net. Reservations advised; space limited.

Friday Night Folk Dancing from 8-11 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands. No experience necessary, all ages welcome. Wear comfortable shoes. Small admission fee. Details: 510-525-1130 or 510-525-1542.

Family Folkdancing takes place the third Sunday of month, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet

and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 510-632-3713.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjail Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054 n.life.stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 510-845-6830.

Dance and fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the WYCA, 2600 Bancroft Way. Drop in fees: \$8-\$10. Information: 510-848-6370.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte at 510-848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning first Tuesday of month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., \$40 for four classes. Details: Diana at 510-549-3591.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East

coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30-9:30 p.m., East Coast Swing from 7-8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 510-528-7858.

Health

WYCA Health and Community Education features drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more at University WYCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, cost: \$8-\$10. Details: 510-848-6370.

Voices of Healing, a group exploring psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing, meets on second Friday of each month, 1-2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 510-528-1235 for more information.

South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St., offers a free aerobics, stretching, strengthening fitness class for adults 55+. The class is taught by Naomi Puro. For more information, call 510-981-5170.

Learning

Berkeley Community Media, public access television center located at 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, is searching for administrative interns for Equipment, Operations and Programming Departments. Internships are 6 months, 2-3 times weekly for a minimum of 8 hours weekly. Complete application online at

www.bcmv.org/interns or in person, submit with resume by **April 15.** Details: 510-848-2288 or www.bcmv.org.

Vista Community College holds workshops: "Destination Studies: Nevada, Southern California, and Arizona," **April 16**; "International Tour Directing" **April 23** at Vista, Room 303, 2020 Milvia St. 510-981-2931. — "Doing Business in China" **April 23** at Vista's Allston Way Annex, 2075 Allston Way, Room 110. All classes 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$13 for CA residents. Details: www.peralta.cc.ca.us or 510-981-2884.

Shotgun Players present the following Monday Movement Workshop at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave.: "Self-Defense Workshop" 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **April 16.** Fee: \$75. To enroll: Marilyn Stanley 510-845-8542 x301, email marilyn@juliamorgan.org, or go to www.juliamorgan.org.

Remodeling Workshop is 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **April 16** at Truitt and White Conference Center, 1817 2nd St. Workshop topics include: pre-planning, design options, permits & zoning, materials, more. Registration fee: \$25 advance, \$30 at door; call 510-558-8030.

Shotgun Players present the following theater classes for adults at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave.: "Auditioning with Confidence and Truth" Saturdays 2-5 p.m. through **April 16**. — "Acting from the Heart and Head" Sundays 1:30-4:30 p.m. through **April 24.** Fee for each class: \$300. To enroll: Marilyn Stanley 510-845-8542 x301, email marilyn@juliamorgan.org, or go to www.juliamorgan.org.

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Center, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., offers ongoing classes in exercise, ceramics, copper enameling, weaving, creative writing, and monthly speakers on matters of current interest and travel slide presentations. New members and seniors over 50 welcome. Lunch offered at minimal charge. Senior group meets at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, with special events as follows: Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is 12 p.m. April 19. Plan to stay for lunch to honor volunteers. Manicures by Carolyn Law. — Charles Fitch will show travel slides 11 a.m. April 26. Address/Details: 510-645-6830.

Vocal Jazz Workshops for teenagers & adults with leader Richard Kalman are Saturdays through April 23 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 12-2 p.m. is Beginner-jazz repertoire and style classes; 2:30-4 p.m. is Intermediate-developing style and interpretation classes, open to instrumentalists as well. Details, registration: 510-524-9283 or www.albanyca.org.

Preparing for Disasters/Agency Emergency Planning presentation is 3-5 p.m. April 28 at 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito. Disaster preparedness training to community agencies, nonprofits and faith-based organizations. Free. RSVP: 925-313-6744. Details: 510-451-3140.

"Green Building 101" free workshop is 7-9 p.m. April 28 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin, Albany. David Johnston presents ways to use green building techniques and products. Registration: www.BuildGreenNow.org or Michelle 510-845-5106 x230.

Beginning Internet Workshops take place 10-11 a.m. Saturdays at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Learn basics of Internet mouse skills, email, web searching, and library's online catalog and databases. Free; registration required. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

Prospect Sierra School, 960 Avis Drive in El Cerrito, offers "Community Country Dance," contra, circle, and couple dances from 8-11 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. An intro class is offered at 7:30 p.m. All dances are done to live fiddle music and prompted by fiddler Kriston Kohs. No partners are required. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10. Wear clean, no marking shoes. Details: 510-233-7929.

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Details: 510-845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 987 Cedar St. Classes open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, call 510-644-8736.

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6-8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.cccct.org.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college

credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 510-238-3554.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability who requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call 510-644-6645 to set up a training session.

Berkeley Adult School offers ceramics classes from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave. Classes are free, materials and firing charges are not. Lunch is offered at a minimal charge. For more information, call Diana Bohn at 510-525-5497.

Berkeley Adult School offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be used to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. Free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and introductory and advanced computer classes. Details: 510-644-6130.

Berkeley Community Media, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 510-848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Literary events

7th annual "Very Young Persons' Premiere Poetry" event, dedicated to Community Gardener Karl Linn, who died last month, is 2-4 p.m. April 16 at Allen Ginsberg Memorial Poetry Garden, Berkeley Arts Magnet at John Greenleaf Whittier School at Lincoln & Milvia Streets. Elementary students and their teachers, parents, older siblings, neighbors and friends and others are invited to read or perform a poem at the annual Open Mike Poetry Reading.

Poetry Express weekly open mike is on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave. After 5 p.m., mention reading for a 20 percent meal discount. Event hosted by Mark States. Upcoming featured poets: April 18 Stephen Kopel; April 25 theme night "Planes, Trains & Busses" (commuter poems). Details: email berkeleypoetry-express@yahoo.com.

Dharma Publishing Bookstore presents presentation & talk by Arnaud Maitland, author of "Living Without Regret - Growing Old in the Light of Tibetan Buddhism" is 4-6 p.m. April 23 at 2910 San Pablo Ave. Book is an introduction to Tibetan Buddhism teachings and how to apply in our lives. Details: 510-544-5407.

The Whole Note Poetry Series is at 7 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays at the Beany, 2925 College Ave., with upcoming guests: April 26: Anniversary-Allen Cohen Birthday with Ann Cohen and TBA. — Details: Jesse 510-549-9093.

Readers Anonymous, the El Cerrito Library Book Club moderated by Michele Hampshire, presents upcoming selections for meetings held at 7-8 p.m. at 6510 Stockton Ave.: "In the Time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez on April 26; "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides on May 24; "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" by Mark Haddon on June 28; and "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger on July 26. Free. Details: 510-526-7512 or go to www.cclib.org.

Theatrical Poetic Collective at Twilight Tuesdays: A Voyage Of Verse, Voice, Vision featuring: Open mic, third eye poetry. Enjoy weekly scheduled evenings with theme poetry and an "On the Spot N 5 Minutes Drop" Poetry Contest (not a slam) at 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at

Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline St. \$2 mandatory entry fee to compete for cash pot. The Tighest poets will win, come and see. Cheer for your favorites \$5. Admission; no one turned away for lack of funds.

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., presents the following ongoing poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions at 7-9 p.m. — Second Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages, led by Alison Seevak. Free. Library is wheelchair accessible and light refreshments will be served. Details: Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 x20.

Miscellany

Center for Independent Living announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government services available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-763-9999.

The Albatross Pub presents Brainstorm Trivia Pub Quiz at 8:30 p.m. Sundays at 1822 San Pablo Ave. Sign up at 8:15, bring your own team of 5 or less people or come alone and join another team. Details: www.brainstormer.com.

Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit and more games available to play with a group. — Tuesday Night Drop Tournament is at 7:30 p.m. for weekly participants or drop-in competitors. House matches held the pot, cash prizes for first and second place, \$5 entry fee. Details: 510-843-2473 (THE-BIRD) or go to www.albatrosspub.com.

Music

Starry Plough Club, 3101 Shattuck Ave., presents upcoming shows: April 16 Tarbox Ramblers, Cowlicks. \$7. — April 17, 24 & 8 p.m. Starry Irish Music session with Shay Black. Sliding scale. — April 18, 25 & 7 p.m. Dance class & Celi (Irish music session). — April 22 Grapefruit Ed. \$8. — April 30 Sandy Coates. — May 3 NoMeansNo. \$10. Details: 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com. Shows at 9:30 p.m., for ages 21+ unless noted.

Cal Performances presents early music concert "Il Giardino Armonico" 8 p.m. April 16 at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. Tickets: \$42. Details: 510-642-9988.

Healing Muses presents "On the Slopes of Parnassus," the Life and

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Man wants to exorcise Mt. Diablo

Petitioner says name celebrates Satan, wants it to have American Indian label: Mount Kawukum

By Lisa Vorderbrueggen
STAFF WRITER

A deeply religious Oakley man has petitioned the federal government to rename Mount Diablo, calling the current name a profane salute to Satan.

In U.S. Board on Geographic Names, the first for this peak, he suggests naming it "Mount Kawukum," a word he believes has American Indian roots.

"Words have power, and when you start mentioning words that come from the dark side, evil thrives," said Mijares.

"When I take boys camping on the mountain — I don't even like to say its name — I have to explain what the name means. Why should we have a main feature of our community that celebrates the devil?"

Mijares won't have to face down Lucifer to prevail: He just has to persuade the federal government, the state of California and the Bay Area.

The federal government can change place names only in documents it publishes, which means locals carry significant weight in these matters.

"What we care about is the extent that everyone uses the same name for the same feature," said Roger Payne, secretary to the names board that will eventually vote on the petition.

"It's critical for national security and emergency response. But the board will change a name if warranted and if there's an overwhelming consensus of local folks that want it done."

It might be easier to order a glass of ice water in hell.

The idea immediately drew heat from groups such as Save Mount Diablo, California State Parks and the Mount Diablo Pilots Association.

The peak is a major aviation landmark and provides the name of a 74-year-old state park.

It has been called Mount Diablo for at least 164 years, and

references to the mountain permeate thousands of maps, books and historical documents.

Not least of the objections, the nonprofit conservation group Save Mount Diablo would have to become "Save Mount Kawukum."

"We're laughing about the proposal, but this is no laughing matter," said Seth Adams, a leader of Save Mount Diablo. "About once a decade, someone proposes to change Mount Diablo's name, often using some fictitious Indian legend as justification. We don't support the rewriting of history."

The name Kawukum first surfaced in 1866, when a church group tried to change Mount Diablo's name for reasons nearly identical to Mijares', according to noted Bay Area researcher Bev Ortiz.

"We abhor the wicked creature to whom the name is appropriate, and spurn the use of the name for anything noble or good on earth," proclaimed the Congregational Church of San Francisco in its newsletter of the day.

The church proposed Kawukum, spelled then as Kahwookum, "a word learned from an unidentified Indian living at the base of the mountain," Ortiz wrote in a history of the mountain's name. "Despite the fact that church members could not communicate clearly with their consultant, they presumed that 'Kahwookum' meant 'Everything seen' or 'very nearly Pilot Mountain.'"

The church presented a name-change petition to the Legislature. Lawmakers postponed a decision indefinitely, finding nothing offensive in the name Mount Diablo.

Fifty years later, B.S. Sanders revived Kawukum as a real estate gimmick, saying it meant "laughing mountain," a fictitious interpretation designed to lure investors.

Bay Area American Indians called the mountain by several names, such as "Tuyshakt," according to Ortiz.

The name Mount Diablo grew from the Spanish name given to an Indian village set near a willow thicket in modern-day Concord, where Chupicans staged a

daring nighttime escape: an 1805 military campaign. Spanish soldiers saved them only with the help of evil spirits and named "Monte del Diablo," or "the devil, which Americans later mistakenly took to the mountain.

The first official appearance of the name dates to 1805, the famed United States Army Expedition led by Lt. Wilkes recorded the "Mount Diablo."

As for returning the name to an Indian word, one native is not convinced.

People often profess American Indians wish their agenda, said Andy van, a descendant of the wok and Ohlone tribes both have ties to Mount

"Mount Diablo was named for the devil," van, a curator for Old Dolores in San Francisco, said. "I've heard it. How even know the word was ever translated?"

Mijares says "Kawukum" only a suggestion, and open to other names.

"I'll be talking with Americans to see what other name might be appropriate."

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Georg Muffat at 4 p.m. April 17 at Albany's Episcopal Church, 2138 Cedar St., Albany. Musical countries, composers who include cosmopolitan baroque compositions. Tickets: \$15-\$18; call 510-524-1010 to www.healingmuses.org.

Italy of California Alumni presents "Belshazzar's Feast" in Walton 3 p.m. April 17 at UC's Hertz Hall. Guest soloist is violin, baritone, in concert with Fifth, UC Men's Choral, UC Choral, SF First Unitarian Unitarian Church Choir, UC Wind Ensemble. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra is 2 at 11 p.m. April 17 at Julia Morgan Center for 2840 College Ave. Tickets: \$10-\$18 adult, \$12 student. www.juliamorgan.org.

sources, 1000 the Alameda, pianist Leslie Tung performs by Haydn, Mozart.

Beethoven at 5 p.m. April 17. — Reception following. Admission: \$15-\$18. Reservations: 510-528-1685.

Community Music Day at Crowden Music Center is noon-5 p.m. April 23 at 1475 Rose St. Free concert, instrument petting zoo, fun for whole family. Details: 510-559-2941 or www.thecrowdenschool.org.

"Offerings" monthly healing concert series presents Ya Elah 7 p.m. April 24 at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St. Upcoming: Distant Oaks on May 29; Mark Deutsch June 26. Donation: \$10. Details: 510-213-3122.

Berkeley Broadway Singers present "Unforgettable" Free Concert led by Music Director Ellen Hoffman at 8 p.m. April 30 at St. Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St. Choral works, solo pieces and standards (including "Somewhere," "42nd Street") Wheelchair accessible. Details: 510-804-5732 or www.berkeley-broadwaysingers.org.

Berkeley Public Library's "Second Thursdays" Noontime Concert Series features James Tinsley, classical trumpet, & John Reager, piano at 12:15 p.m. May 12 in Art & Music Room, top floor, 2090 Kittredge St. Future concert: June 9: Liz Plummer, operatic soprano. Details: 510-981-6100 or go to www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., presents Jazzschool Jam Sessions every Sunday, 7:30-10 p.m. An open-mic featuring David Michel Ruddy Quartet where instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to sit in. Free. Advance tickets: 866-384-3060

Vocal Women's Vocal Ensemble is currently holding auditions for their Spring 2005 season, culminating in mid-May concerts. The 24-voice group mostly sings classical music from a wide variety of historical periods; this Spring's repertoire includes Brahms, Debussy, Holst and several premieres of new pieces by local composers. Audition consists of ear-training, sight-singing and the performance of a prepared solo piece. For audition scheduling: contact Artistic Director Jude Navian at 415-425-8706. Details: Administrative Director Terry Meyers at 510-531-8714 or go to www.coolcommunity.org/vocal.

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CHUCK BACHMAN, Albany City Councillman Robert Lieber and Don Diani give a cheer after touring the Albany Veterans Memorial Building on Wednesday. The city has the opportunity to buy the building from the county for \$1, and then use the structure as a place to hold city events. Bachman and Diani are Korean War veterans.

Veterans

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The approximately 8,000-square-foot building still has the look of a bygone era. In one room, 1950s- and 1960s-style tables and chairs blend easily with a Seeburg high-fidelity jukebox.

Light peeks through red curtains into a grand but dimly lit room dedicated to veterans meetings. It's encircled by boxy leather chairs, some of which resemble thrones. In many places, detailed lighting hangs from the ceiling and illustrious architectural markings lie carved in the dark wood walls.

At the center of it all is an impressive auditorium with high ceilings that hold 221 people. The building also includes a remodeled kitchen, office space and a banquet hall that seats 74. Upstairs is a movie projection room.

It's fairly typical of veterans buildings erected in the 1930s, said Aki Nakao, the director of general services of Alameda County. The building's construction may have been part of a government program to get people back to work during the Depression, he said.

Newspaper clippings locked in a cabinet don't specify. Nor do they mention a rumored connection to famous California architect Julia Morgan. But they do say the building is a "Spanish type with a beautiful terraced entrance and patio."

It's one of about four veterans buildings the county owns, said Nakao. The county used to own about 10. More cities, such as Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, have taken over their facilities.

In the last two years, Albany began looking at that possibility, while the city's parks and recreation commission worked out its master plan, a book of projects and goals for the next five to 10

years, said City Administrator Beth Pollard.

The county is willing to sell the building for \$1. But the city needs to find \$1.4 million to turn into a useable space.

It requires restroom upgrades to comply with federal disability standards, electrical and seismic upgrades, pest abatement and new fire and security systems, according to the parks master plan.

The city is also looking at remodeling the building and creating an outdoor patio, a stone's throw from the park's tennis courts.

The building also needs new ventilation. A musty odor, combined with the smell of industrial-strength cleansers, fills the air.

It's still used for weddings, parties, aerobics classes and veterans events, said El Sobrante resident Chuck Bachman, a member of the Albany American Legion Post 292 and a member of the commission that oversees the building.

But there were just two private events there held last month. "It was dedicated to us and it is a veteran's-use building," said Bachman, "but it is underutilized."

Meanwhile, said Pollard, the city has been looking to expand its meeting space and its cultural and recreational offerings.

Some possible uses for the Veterans building includes performing arts classes and presentations and general recreation and adult interest programming, such as computer classes, a teen center and a local history center, according to the master plan.

City Councillman Robert

Lieber said he would like to bring the City Council chambers to the building and create an adjacent office space for council members. The council will consider that idea on Monday.

He believed the city could save money on an upcoming City Hall and police station retrofit, by creating space in the existing City Hall for police, and discarding a \$1 million plan to place a second story on the police building.

"To me (the veterans building) feels like a city center," said Lieber. "It feels like a place where you go and do things."

In May or June, the parks commission is scheduled to look at how the city can upgrade and operate the building while recouping its annual costs, Magnuson said. It will ultimately make recommendations to the City Council.

Parks commissioner Geoff Piller said voters may be asked to pay for some of the costs through a tax measure.

"I think there's a lot of enthusiasm in the community for owning it and making it nice," said Piller. "Whether that means the community is willing to pay the bill connected with doing that is another question, I guess."

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Music

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the business to who was walking by the front door."

In another nod to change, Anderson is finally putting his business online — something he says he should have done before. "I'm going online with 30,000 books this month," he said. His Web site, www.tupperandreed.com, will soon be up and running, Anderson said. He also owns a store in Santa Rosa — the Stanroy Music Center — which he says is doing well.

Musician Tracy Welsh, who was shopping at Tupper & Reed Tuesday, said he has bought instruments, guitar strings, and sheet music from the store over the past five years.

"It's a cool store. It's sad to see it go," he said.

Store manager Christopher Rudd had his own take on the closing of the store, calling it the end of a community of sorts. He listed some of the professional musicians giving music lessons at the store: jazz vocalist Mark Murphy, opera singer Jonathan Nadel, and guitarist Chris Solberg, who played with Santana.

During the 11 years he worked at the store he met musicians who moved to Berkeley — such as his friend Brenda Boykin, Paul Baum and others — and to visit when they are in town.

"It's sad that when they (to Berkeley) the store is here," Rudd said. "It's about a store closing, it's about losing their jobs, it's about losing a community."

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BELA HARCOS, left, of San Francisco, dances with Mackenzie Sowers, of Berkeley, during an England Country Dance in El Cerrito on April 8. Dancers moved to the sounds of the band "The Commitment" and the directions of caller Kirston Koths, of El Cerrito. The dance was sponsored by the Bay Area Country Dance Society. For more info see their website at www.bacds.org.

Chase

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he delivered him to El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland.

He jumped another fence and tackled another suspect at Potrero Avenue and South 53rd Street.

The third suspect, a 15-year-old boy, was arrested at El Cerrito High School two days later.

All three police bookings were forwarded to the county's juvenile probation department, said

Police Cmdr. Scott Mosby.

The backpack was recovered; it was thrown near the Skechers parking lot before the chase began.

It was the second time in two years that such a chase occurred near the dealership, said Santiago. The other time a man asked to use the phone, then stole an employee's purse at the garage. He was chased down a few blocks away.

"We caught him a whole lot quicker, but he resisted," Santiago Jr. said. The most recent oc-

currence, on March 22, over about 20 minutes.

Kirkland said it was an interesting case. "Those people should be mentored ...," Kirkland said. "What they did was a stupid job and it just shows what happens when the community becomes when they see some-thing was unjust."

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The best-laid plans: A day not spent in the garden

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my day off, my plan was
Coffee and newspapers,
this garden. I'd weed and
prune the entire day. But
it wasn't happening.

my way to the coffee pot, I
on the over-sink windowsill
a drooping rose. Right
went into the garden for a
moment, got one, then could
cutting a few, quite tiny
pinks and white.

Inside, I looked through
the cabinet for a suitable con-
d came across several 3-
tall bottles in various col-
ors, plus several little cream

easy for me to find other
ers in the garden, one or
each, or a tiny handful. Pur-
chase fuchsias, orange
like blooms, violets and iris
plants.

the flowers in the little con-
and almost made it to a cup
when I thought how much
all would look if under them
the white paper. So I cut
the width of the window sill,
down, then replaced the vases.
The look very much.

It was when the two white
sinks below the windowsill
into my view. They needed
it. I got to it with Soft Scrub
sponge, then got out the steel
the softest quadruple-zero
which led me to polishing my
one faucet and handles.

the sink area looked so nice
contrast the white Corian

counters on either side were dingy.
Corian, so I was told when I had it
installed a dozen years ago, is com-
pletely repairable.

Stains and scratches can sim-
ply be sanded away. I decided to
try the steel wool, conveniently in
my hand, on the counters, and very
quickly, they were looking almost
new again.

Polishing with steel wool had
been such a success that I thought
I'd just take another minute to try it
on the bathroom sink faucet as well,
but once that was done, the
Formica counters looked bad.

So I washed, then dried them
with a cloth, moving on to the toilet.
Because I had to move the throw
rugs on the floor before scrubbing
the toilet (didn't want to get bleach
spots on them), I thought I'd just
shake them out. But on the way out-
side, I passed by the washing ma-
chine, so I threw them in.

I didn't want to get involved in
vacuuming, so I instead washed out
the bathtub with a sponge, also the
stall shower entrance tile before
sweeping the floor. I swept right out
into the hallway before seeing that
the hall, too, could use a sweep.
And on into the living room, but only
the edges, the wood floor that the
center rug doesn't cover.

I didn't dare start in on the din-
ing room or kitchen floors, but be-
cause I'd used most of the bleach
in the bathroom, while I was think-
ing about it, I thought I'd just run
down to the storage room for an-
other bottle.

And that's all I was going to do.
But I encountered a pile of things I'd



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newspapers, then to
the garden. I'd weed
and feed plants the
entire day. But things
kept happening.

stacked up with the intention of
putting them away — Easter decora-
tions, sandwich trays from an open
house — and it seemed as good a
time as any. Plus, I saw a few things
I could rearrange better, and a few
others I could throw away.

None of this took very long. I
brought the bleach and a bottle of
soda from storage to the kitchen
table, set them there for a minute,
then must have gotten distracted
because a quarter of an hour
passed before I realized that there
was something odd about the looks
of the label on the bleach.

See TARPOFF, Page B2

Real Estate Spotlight:

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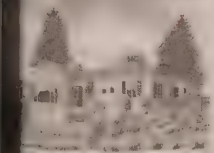
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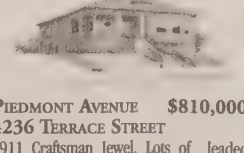


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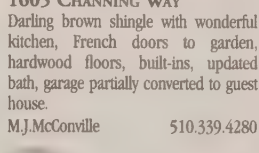


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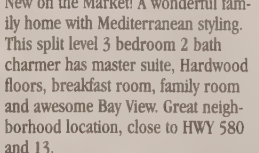


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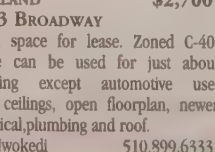
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Tarpoft

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The bottles were still in the plastic bag I'd carried them in but their tops were showing, and I could see some sort of crystals on the bleach bottle. Was it leaking? I picked the bottle up, saw that the bag was wet, whipped everything into the kitchen sink.

There were marks on my beloved wooden-topped table, one round mark the size of the bleach bottle and five smaller prints from the soda bottle. Never have I known a bottle of bleach to leak. I had no idea why this one had but it didn't look to me like there was a good way to fix the wood. I did try, first with Old English, then with more of the tung oil finish originally applied to the table top.

The circles remained, and they screamed out to me. I was trying to figure out how to change how I looked at my table — maybe, old and charming with use — when my eye fell upon a large aluminum roasting pan and cover that I'd brought home from the office. It has

a Deco look to it, though probably made in the 1950s, and I find it so pretty that I thought we might use it for staging.

But it was greasy and the finish, dull. Someday when I have nothing better to do, was my thought, I'll clean it up. Now, distraught over my table, I decided to work on the pot, thought I'd find the job soothing.

Washing in soap and hot water didn't do a thing. Next, I tried a solvent on the cooked-on grease splatters. That helped, but before I knew it, I was using good old steel wool — again, quadruple-zero grade — on the aluminum finish, and after awhile, without any scratching, I'd polished both pot and cover to a shiny silver.

Which is when it occurred to me to try steel wool on the table. Wonderful miracle, the stains disappeared. I put on a new coat of finish and the table looks much as before.

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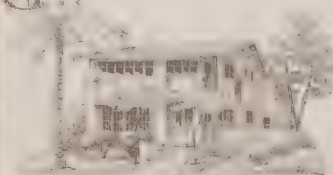
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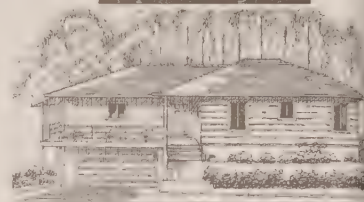


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4+BD/3BA Updated Victorian
- 1035 75th Ave., Oakland
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- 3658 Foothill Blvd., Oakland
Business for sale. Autobody repair shop.

Sold Listings

- 1713 Nason St., Alameda
Sold in 10 days, \$17,000 higher than asking
- 317 Sand Beach Rd., Alameda
Sold in 23 days, \$40,000 higher than asking

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Woodland creeks, tropical jungle, outdoor rooms and Mayan ruins are among the spectacular features featured in the 19th annual Secret Gardens of the East Bay tour. Chosen as the "Best of the Bay," our features 10 "secret gardens," each unique, unusual — and

inspiring — to gardeners of every level. Tucked in the hills around Berkeley, Oakland, Piedmont and Alameda, the gardens chosen this year include a Hawaiian paradise, a fairy tale woodland glen, a Mayan-themed hideaway and an outdoor

See TOUR, Page B6



A LAKESHORE DISTRICT SPECIAL 888 Warfield Avenue, Oakland

located in the Lakeshore District, this triplex represents a great opportunity for the owner/investor. Wonderful vistas of Piedmont & the surrounding hills, sunny rooms, featuring hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen & updated kits - no shared walls. It has 1BR, 1Bth; Unit 2 has RS, 1 Bth; Unit 3 has 2BRS, 1Bth.



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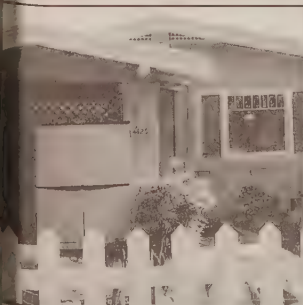
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Fabulous Investment Property and Future Home
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\$579,000



555 Jean Street #627 Oakland

This adorable studio condo is located in the Rose Garden neighborhood, just up from the Grandlake theatre. This top floor unit has terrific views of the city and is bright and airy. In move-in condition, this home has a walk-in closet, alcove for bed, updated kitchen, and a balcony. What's more, it's only a short distance to shops, Lake Merritt, transportation and much more.
Asking \$229,000

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7297 Skyline Montclair



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\$455,000

Open Sunday, April 17th 2-4:30

Graceful Mission Revival split-level with light filled rooms. Living room with fireplace • dining room • breakfast room • 3 bedrooms • 1 bath • retro kitchen • original light fixtures.

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2915 Modesto Avenue, Oakland Offered at \$470,000



Cute Maxwell Park
Looks like a beach house!
2 bedrooms and 1 bath
Wood floors, fireplace, fresh paint
Delightful eat in kitchen
Fenced yard, detached garage
and living room
View of the beach...I mean BAY!

Open House April 17th, 2 to 4:30PM

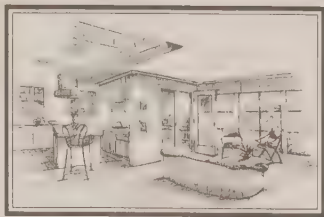
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★ ★ NEW ROCKRIDGE LISTING! ★ ★
★ Open House - Sunday, April 17, 2005 2-4:30pm ★



4+ Bedrooms/ 2+ Bathrooms
5329 Broadway
Offered @ \$1,149,000

Compelling Contemporary with a European Flair

Drama, Sunlight, Sophistication, Views, and Openness define this architectural gem. Nestled on the bluffs overlooking Rockridge with views of the City, the Gate, and Mt. Tam this unique 3 story home is truly worth a visit. Every room, every detail, every step throughout this home reveals architecture that excites your senses. Definitely not your ordinary Rockridge bungalow with little dark rooms — It explodes with 2 story spaces, walls of glass, sunlight flooding in, sleek maple floors imbedded with stone inlays, and exquisite public and private parties. This home works for anyone. The person needing 4+ bedrooms/ 2+ bath home; or someone wanting a home that is dedicated their personal enjoyment; or someone working from a home appropriate for high level business meetings. Currently the home is configured with an entire private floor with cathedral ceilings dedicated to the Master retreat with a luxurious resort feel not to be duplicated in most private homes. Additionally, there is a guest bedroom and stone bathroom, exercise room/art studio, 2 verandas, a home office, media room/library, formal living and dining room, and a kitchen family room. Gardens, garage, storage, updated systems, and laundry complete the package.

Your new home is located in the heart of Rockridge, close to everything — including all the great shops and restaurants on College Ave. BART, AC Transit, Casual Carpooling to SF, Freeways, and easy access to all the major work places make commuting from this home a snap or ideal for a home based office. As a bonus, Piedmont Avenue is just a few blocks away from this great location. And with coffee available at every turn, what could be better?

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Online Tour @ www.5329Broadway.Com

★ ★ NEW PIEDMONT AVENUE LISTING! ★ ★
★ ★ Open House - Sunday, April 17 & 24, 2005 1-5pm ★ ★



2+ Bedrooms/ 1+ Bathrooms
4111 Gilbert Street
Offered @ \$645,000

Light and Bright Bungalow w/ a Modern Open Floor Plan

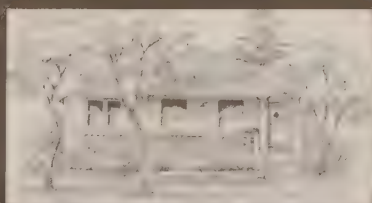
If you have been searching for a home that has a new clean and crisp modern feel, then this home is worth a visit. The open floor plan floods the home with light. Clean minimalist lines define this home. The European style kitchen is a dream to cook in with plenty of counter space, storage, and newer appliances. Your guests will enjoy a spacious place to eat and entertain. 2 bedrooms, remodeled bathrooms and maple hardwood floors complete the upstairs. The completely finished basement is a real find. There is a plus room that is perfect for a guest room, the teenager, or a home office. The family room is huge and there is still room for a bathroom, a storage closet, sewing and laundry room plus a bonus room. 2 stairways make this space well integrated to the upper floor. The spacious backyard is truly special with a sunny deck, mature garden, playhouse and detached art studio or ??? This home has been well maintained and is in great shape with upgraded systems and a low pest report.

Your new home is located on a quiet, friendly Street. You will be close to all the great shops and restaurants on Piedmont Avenue. BART, AC Transit, Freeways, and easy access to all the major work places make commuting from this home a snap. As a bonus, Rockridge and Temescal are just a few blocks away from this great location. And with coffee available at every turn, what could be better?

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HIDEAWAY COTTAGE, URBAN OASIS
7848 HILLMONT DRIVE, OAKLAND
\$355,000

Incredible hideaway on spectacular lot. Cozy one-bedroom cottage with two decks. Nearly 13,000 sq. foot lot! Follow stone path to rustic out buildings including a 240 sq. foot workshop with wood-burning stove. Verdant, gently sloping undeveloped pasture.

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2 Van Sicken Place
Crocker Highlands

Offered at \$869,000

New Listing - Classic mid-century with retro flair located on one of Crocker Highland's most desirable cul-de-sacs. Features generous room sizes, fabulous outlooks, privacy and a great floor plan! Highlights include dramatic living room, dining room combination, kitchen/family room, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, plus a huge bonus room, office, secluded deck and patio to enjoy the view. Photo tour at www.NancyRothman.com

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1738 Capitano Avenue • Berkeley

Sweet Craftsman bungalow located on a quiet tree-lined street in the coveted Thousand Oaks neighborhood. Two ++ bedrooms and two baths. Downstairs suitable for home office family room, with non-conforming in-law/au pair possibilities. Sunny, level private garden. Offered at \$695,000



Todd Hodson
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NEW LISTING



40 San Mateo Road, Berkeley

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Sophisticated and dramatic home with stunning views on a coveted cul-de-sac close to Solano Avenue shops and restaurants. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths. Excellent indoor/outdoor beautiful garden! Remodeled kitchen with granite countertops! Offered at \$995,000



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LISTING UPDATE



1117 Portal Avenue, Crocker Highlands

PENDING. Elegantly remodeled Tudor on the Crocker Highlands - Piedmont border. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths plus family room with excellent in-law potential, finished attic and partial Bay views. Originally offered at \$899,000

5 Sunset Drive, Kensington

NEW LISTING. Vacant lot in million dollar neighborhood. Build your dream home on a large mostly level lot with Bay view potential. Plans and reports available. Offered at \$475,000



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NEW LISTING



11 Calvert Court, Piedmont

COMING SOON. A custom Piedmont home in move-in condition. 4 bedrooms on one level with a separate bedroom suite downstairs. Beautiful garden with solar-heated pool, lawn and fountain.

Offered at \$1,250,000



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PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



50 SOTELO AVENUE

\$3,200,000

Exquisite Piedmont Colonial with three levels of gracious living, lovely appointments and wonderful views. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths plus a handsome library, sun room, rumpus/family room & more. Beautiful gardens.

Elizabeth Dickson

BERKELEY & KENSINGTON - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



880 GRIZZLY PEAK

\$1,495,000

Beautiful new construction with Bay views. Close to Tilden Park. 4BR/3.5BA. Rich finishes attached garage w/interior access. North Berkeley's best! Erika Celestre

683 SANTA BARBARA RD.

\$1,475,000

Designed by J.H. Thomas (c. 1913) on a Berkeley hillside, this home has magnificent Bay views, country gardens, "great" room, formal dining room & 5BR/4.5BA. Needs work.

Ford/Plowright

16 EUCALYPTUS ROAD

\$1,025,000

Avery special Mediterranean in prestigious Claremont. 3BR/2.5BA, study, level entry, lovely garden, attached garage. This is the one you have been waiting for! Bebe McRae



40 SAN MATEO ROAD

\$995,000

Sophisticated home in a romantic setting! Glorious Bay views! Dramatic garden! 3BR/1.5BA. Remodeled kitchen w/granite. Excellent indoor/outdoor living. Susie Schevill

1809 MARIN AVENUE

\$895,000

Large Prairie style traditional close to Solano Ave. shops & Thousand Oaks School. 5BR/2.5BA, family room, formal dining room, newer master bedroom.

Annie Walrand

45 KINGSTON ROAD

\$699,000

KENSINGTON. A beautiful property. Lush outlooks surround this gorgeous, remodeled, all on one level home. The rooms are well proportioned & spacious. 2BR/2BA & a fabulous & expansive level garden. Ruth Frassetto



267 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE

\$610,000

KENSINGTON. Open floorplan. 3BR/1BA. Bonus room. Dining room w/Bay view. Meadow-like garden & patio. Skylights. Hardwood floors.

Chris Cohn



511 NEILSON STREET

\$619,000

Charming 2BR Mediterranean w/well proportioned rooms & arches that define the living room, dining & seating area. Remodeled kitchen, attic & patio.

Helene Barkin

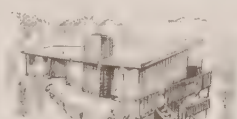
OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



983 LEO WAY

\$1,279,000

Exquisite traditional for the discriminating buyer. This 4BR/3.5BA home has generous formal rooms, state-of-the-art kitchen/family room & beautiful gardens. Dana Cohen



5901 LEONA STREET

\$769,000

Exceptional style, quality & space. Nestled among Live Oaks w/Bay view, this mid-century 5BR/4BA has been tastefully updated.

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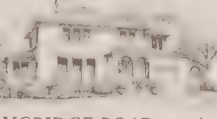


7297 SKYLINE BLVD.

\$699,000

This lovely contemporary is updated with style and taste. Enjoy a remodeled kitchen & Bay views. 3BR/2.5BA. Close to hiking and regional parks.

Angela Wei Grubb



738 LONGRIDGE ROAD

\$1,195,000

Elegant Crocker Highlands traditional w/light-filled rooms, tall windows, hardwood floors. 4BR/3BA, den/office, hill views, deck & garden. Near shops & dining. Judith Cain



4309 WHITTLE AVENUE

\$749,000

This exceptional 3+BR/2BA home is graced w/a lovely garden entry under a magnificent oak, light & gracious interior spaces & tranquil grounds. The Ratcliffes



3425 SUTER STREET

\$419,000

You will love the bright, roomy interior & charming back garden of this sunny, classic Craftsman home in move-in condition & its convenient location.

Sheila Gallagher



1915 WRENN STREET

\$789,500

On a quiet street overlooking the Bay, this spacious contemporary has an open feeling enhanced by cathedral ceilings & walls of glass. 5BR/3.5BA.

Susanne Paul



3917 GREENWOOD AVENUE

\$699,000

Unique Brown Shingle w/1+BR legal rental unit. 3BR/1BA upstairs. Box beam ceilings & original woodwork. Large dining room w/fireplace & built-ins. Hope Broderick



740E CANYON OAKS DR.

\$379,000

Attractive upstairs condominium in a desirable complex. This spacious upstairs property w/two master suites & fireplace features a park-like setting.

Sherry Benninger

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CROCKER HIGHLANDS

\$1,175,000

A beautifully refurbished Tudor home in great location! 4BR/2.5BA. New gourmet kitchen level to artfully landscaped garden & patio.

Judith Cain



ROCKRIDGE COLONIAL

\$895,000

Beautiful Monterey Colonial on a perfect street in Upper Rockridge. Great views. Natural light. 4BR/2BA, rumpus room, gourmet kitchen. Huge level garden. Jean Simmons



VIEW CONTEMPORARY

\$789,000

Bay Views! Located in a quiet serene setting on a wooded private lane, this dramatic contemporary features walls of glass, lofty ceilings, 3BR/4BA, lawn & deck.

Judith Cain



CROCKER HIGHLANDS

\$1,050,000

An inviting traditional Crocker Highlands home w/3+BR/2.5BA. Beautiful woodwork, great natural light w/kitchen/family room and a master suite. Kurt Buchholz

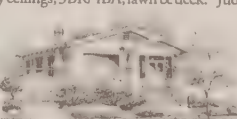


KENSINGTON

\$825,000

Spectacular views & elegant updating make this a very special home in the Kensington Hills. 3BR/3BA + family room/den. A deck leads to a level garden.

Bebe McRae



BERKELEY BUNGALOW

\$495,000

An absolutely charming 2BR/1BA bungalow w/gracious formal rooms, sun-filled kitchen w/breakfast nook and fabulous slate patio, level lawn & lovely gardens.

Dana Cohen



PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL

\$995,000

Piedmont traditional, beautifully updated and ready to move in. 4BR/2BA. Random plank hardwood floors, level rear garden & two-car garage.

Adam Betta



PIEDMONT PINES

\$799,500

Great floorplan. 4BR/3BA. Striking living room w/vaulted ceiling & serene canyon views. Formal dining room, huge family room. Minutes to parks.

Chris Cohn

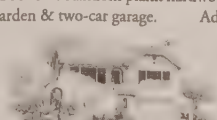


SUNNY BUNGALOW

\$480,000

Move-right in to this sunny bungalow in a great location. Cherry 2BR/1BA, big kitchen & garden. Nicely renewed inside and out!

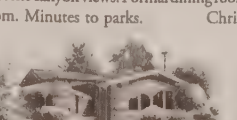
Michael Friedman



PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL

\$980,000

Charming traditional w/wonderful formal rooms & classic details. Lovingly restored. 3BR/2BA, eat-in kitchen w/granite counters. Beautiful garden. Debbi DiMaggio



BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN

\$795,000

A charming Berkeley Craftsman w/fabulous gardens. 2+BR/2BA. Double lot. This home could use some TLC. A wonderful opportunity! Elizabeth Dickson



CHARMING TRADITIONAL

\$449,000

Affordable 3BR traditional plus a "non-conforming" in-law quarters with separate entrance. Relax amid the trees in the privacy of your garden.

Mavis Delacroix

Tour

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modern art installation displayed among rare specimen plants.

As they tour these striking outdoor spaces, visitors will be able to

meet and talk with many of the noted designers who created this year's featured gardens.

The artists include Shirley Watts, Hugo Larman, Tom Nelson and Randy Bolin, as well as talented designers from Feyerband and Maden, Goodman Landscaping De-

sign, Enchanting Planting and Planet Horticulture, among others.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a collectible catalog with detailed descriptions of each garden, a map, and directions for the self-guided tour.

Ticketed visitors will also be ad-

mitted to lectures by garden design experts, held at lunch time on the beautifully landscaped grounds of Park Day School.

Gourmet box lunches are available for \$10 each and must be pre-ordered. The school will also host a marketplace, offering rare plants,

fine foods, garden-related wares and the opportunity, once again, to visit with professional garden designers. The tour takes place rain or shine Sunday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the tour and the marketplace are critical to the school-

ship and academic program at Park Day School, an independent school at 370-43rd St. in

For more information, purchase tickets, call 510-437-1033.

Tickets are also available at visit www.SecretGardenTour.com

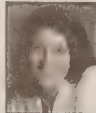
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5962 Buena Vista Ave., Oakland. Elegant 5+bd, 4ba, Upper Rockridge home with incredible panoramic SF views! By Appointment. \$2,399,000



875 Arlington Ave., Berkeley. North Berkeley, 5+bd, 3.5ba home, park-like yard & GG views. By Appointment \$1,799,000



6261 Melville Dr., Oakland. Charming & spacious 4+bd, 4ba Piedmont Pines home with stunning panoramic SF views. Coming Soon! \$1,350,000



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Represented the Seller



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Berkeley. Enjoy the beautiful yard & filtered views from this lovely new home. The traditional shingle exterior gives way to a dramatic spacious contemporary inside. 4BD/3BA, spectacular liv. rm. w/frplc., gourmet kit. & din. area. Fabulous finished, open beam ceilings & more. Must see!

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



3007 SHEFFIELD AVENUE \$479,000
Diamond. Charming 2BD/2BA home features an eat-in kit., frml. din. rm., liv. rm. w/frplc. Hardwood flrs., & a beautiful backyard.

Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262



4621 WALNUT STREET \$449,000
Maxwell Park. Craftsman w/archit. details, 2BD/1BA, din. rm. w/wood blt-ins, charming kit. w/tile counters & knotty pine floor, breakfast rm., fab. landscaped yard w/deck & patio, basement for storage.

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



5443 BELGRAVE PLACE \$1,025,000

Rockridge. Stately Rockridge Home. 4+BD/2.5BA, dining room, eat-in kitchen. Master suite. Mahogany trim, 20's tile. Bay views. Yard. A true delight!

Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



6140 MORAGA AVENUE \$670,000

Montclair. Enchanting Spanish Mediterranean. First time ever on market. 3BD/1.5BA, lush level yard, original details. Enjoy the gracious space & close to Montclair Village.

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BAY VIEW DEVELOPMENT \$828,000

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NEW LISTING-MONTCLAIR \$230,000

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MONTCLAIR LOT/BLDG PLANS \$199,000

Includes SFR plans for 3300+ sq.ft. home. Utilities in street w/sunny canyon view. 11,700 sq.ft. lot.

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INCOME PROPERTIES

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Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



CHARMING TUDOR \$449,000

Maxwell Park. 2BD/1BA with large liv. w/stained glass windows & stone frplc., frml. liv. rm. w/built-ins, updated kit/BA, attic for storage or expansion, fabulous yard w/deck & patio.

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Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

FOR THE PUBLIC

NAR Alliance

The National Association of Realtors is a member of the Homeownership Alliance. The organization is dedicated to preserving, promoting and expanding housing opportunities for all Americans. NAR is one of five organizations on the Alliance's board of directors. This will ensure Realtors have a seat at the table when decisions are made concerning national housing policy. To find out more about NAR visit www.realtor.org.

Free Classes

Next Home. Learning all you need to know about how to best sell your property and buy your next just got easier. Topics such as timing, financing and taxes are covered. Join **Pat Colburn** of Kane & Associates and **Blake Brydon** of the Bank of Alameda, along with other presenters for the "Next Home" seminar. The class takes place 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, in Alameda. RSVP to 510-748-8904.

Secrets. Be an informed buyer. Get an edge over other buyers by learning homebuying secrets and what to avoid. The Wardhana Real Estate Team offers a first time buyers workshop 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20. The class is held at Keller-Williams in San Leandro.

First? Attend "How To Buy Your First Home In Oakland" in the Montclair district of Oakland. This free seminar is tomorrow from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at Montclair Better Homes on Mountain Boulevard. Get the information needed to have an edge over other buyers. Enjoy snacks and prizes. RSVP by calling at 510-399-4284.

Crazy. "Buying A Home In This Crazy Market" is tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon. Join Realtor **Zanna Knight** of Coldwell Banker at First American Title, on Shattuck, in Berkeley. Bring your questions about buying and getting financed. Call for a reservation at 510-981-3063.

Informed. Get the necessary information to make a knowledgeable decision on buying investment real estate. Join Realtor **Antoine Pirson** at the "Informed Investor" class, tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon. The class is held at Wells & Bennett Realty. Seating is limited. Make a reservation via e-mail at apirson@ya-rpo.com.

Protect Assets. Is the capital gains tax preventing you from selling an investment property? Learn about the 1031 Exchange process. Attend "Preserve Your Assets" on August 26. **Whitney Graham**, of CCS Exchange Professionals is the instructor. The free seminar is held in Alameda and hosted by Team Real Estate. Call 510-865-4192 ext. 24.

CLASS

The East Bay Chapter of WCR and Entrust Administration present "Using IRAs and Qualified Plans for Real Estate Transaction". The course is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 23, in Oakland. Licensed agents receive 8 CE credit hours upon completion. Seating is limited. For tuition and location information call 510-967-6661.

CALENDAR

Mark those calendars for two events offered by the Alameda Association of Realtors and the Information Committee. The 2005 Legal Update Luncheon with **Gov. Hutchinson** is Thursday, May 5. On

Monday, May 23 they host the 2005 Region 5 and 6 "Visit With The President". CAR president **Jim Hamilton** will meet and greet attendees at a leadership luncheon and an afternoon reception. Questions? Call 510-523-7229.

OAR & ORAL LEE

The Oakland Association of Realtors supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarships for high school students. Real estate agents designate contributions, at the close of escrow, for a special fund. This year's goal is \$55,000 or "55 for '05". The 2005 chairperson is **Shirley Covington** of Prudential California Realty. To find out more about donating call 510-834-2010.

ASSOCIATIONS

All Realtor Association members are asked to save a date. Legislative Day in Sacramento is Wednesday, June 8. Bus trips, luncheons and tours are planned. Contact your local association for additional information.

RE TECH

Technology plus, plus! It's Tech Faire 2005 for the real estate professional. Alameda, Bay East, Berkeley, Contra Costa, Delta, Oakland and West Contra Costa associations of Realtors bring this mega fair to you. Technology reigns Thursday, April 22, at the Hilton-Airport Hotel, on Hegenberger Road in Oakland. The event offers classes

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NMAN NEWS

The mere mention of negotiation makes some people nervous. They may not like conflict. Or they feel at a disadvantage because they lack experience. Negotiation can be seen as bickering, something to be avoided if at all possible. A good negotiator is often seen as a shifty manipulator.

Like it or not, home buying and selling involves negotiation. Your first negotiations are with your real estate agent. If you're selling, you might negotiate a number of variables with your agent such as how high the list price will be, how long the listing will be in effect, or the specifics of the marketing program.

In fact, we all negotiate every day of our lives, whether we consciously realize it or not. You might negotiate who makes dinner, or how late your teenaged son can stay out at night.

Negotiation is not a bad thing. It's one of the ways we interact with others in order to realize our aims. Think of negotiation as a tool that you use in order to reach your goal, which in this case is buying or selling a home.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Perhaps the most overwhelming reason why some people shy away from negotiation is that they fear that the other party will take advantage of them. In order to keep this from happening, make sure that you are clear about your goals. What is the maximum price you will pay if you're a buyer, or the minimum price you will accept if you're a seller? To be successful at a negotiation, you need to set boundaries for yourself. It may help to write your objectives down and refer to them during a negotiation to keep form being pulled off track.

Most home buyers and sellers hire a real estate agent, or attorney, to negotiate on their behalf. Some real estate professionals are more adept at bringing buyers and sellers together than others. So, be sure to select your agent or attorney carefully. Check references if you haven't had prior first hand experience with the person.

One of the most important negotiating tools that you can use to your advantage is information. Gather as much information about the other party as possible, while revealing as little as possible about your own situation. For example, if you know that the seller needs to start work across country in a matter of weeks, offering a short close might be en-

ting. In fact, you might even get a break on the price.

Although revealing too much about yourself can compromise your negotiating position, you do want to let the seller know that you are financially qualified.

There are three key elements of any home purchase contract:

Price, terms (such as the closing date) and the buyer's financial qualification. Strong financials, as evidenced by a preapproval letter from your lender, can make up for weaker terms and a lower price.

Some buyers try to avoid negotiation by using the take-it-or-leave-it approach. This often

leads to a dead end. Negotiation involves a process of give and take. It's wise to hold back a bargaining chip or two so that you have something more to offer if the seller counters your offer.

An exception is if you're making an offer in competition with other buyers. In this case, you're wise to

make your first offer your best offer. You may not have a second chance.

THE CLOSING: Try not to think of negotiation as combat. Although you want to buy at the lowest price possible, and the seller wants the highest price he can get, you are both working toward a common goal: the con-

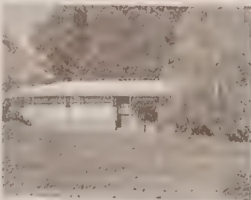


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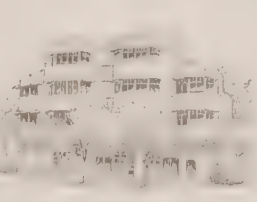
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Property Brokers (ARPB) are invited to join the events of Realtist Week. Attend classes, a reception, a beginner's golf clinic and Habitat for Humanity activities. Events are planned through Saturday, April 23. Contact DeAnna Baldridge of Ridge Realty at 510-777-0404.

PLANNERS

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly Business Resource Breakfast Series is Thursday, April 21. The meeting begins with networking at 8:30 a.m. The location is Buttercup Kitchen, on Broadway in Oakland. Hear the city planning directors from Alameda, Berkeley and Oakland discuss upcoming real estate developments. For ticket reservations call WCR President Felecia Favroth of Classic Investments at 510-967-6661 or e-mail her at Felecia1@aol.com.

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WHO?

Joanna Letizia of OMM Inc. and Victor Jin of Property Investment Services are donating time to Habitat for Humanity and NAR to help build an affordable house in the city of its yearly convention. Both are members of the Alameda Association of Realtors.

WHAT?

I'll announce your news item in this column if you send it to me. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbierid@mindspring.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

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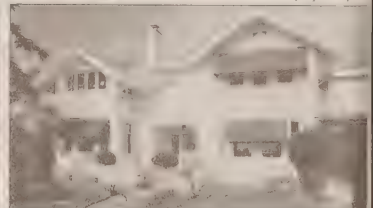


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BERKELEY

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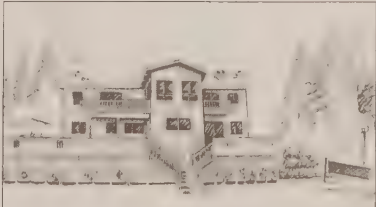


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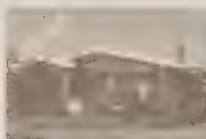
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Tenants become owners: Buying out the landlord

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People always say that everything's in the timing. For four former Berkeley tenants, it's very true. Several years ago, Realtor Tim Cannon suggested to his friend Jim that he approach his fellow tenants in his Berkeley fourplex and see if they'd like to buy their building from the landlord. At the time, Jim didn't think it was a priority, so he dropped the idea.

Then, this past fall, the land-

lord called Cannon and said that she was interested in selling the building, but she wanted to offer it to the tenants first. She asked him if could he help.

So, an idea that had been percolating in Cannon's mind for years was finally going to get the test: Tenants could buy their own building as "tenants in common" and get many of the benefits of home ownership usually reserved for people with deeper pockets.

The first meeting Cannon had

with the tenants involved issues like how they'd finance the purchase, how they'd hold title, how they could jointly manage the building, and whether it would be a good investment.

Once the "percentage of ownership" discussion was started, they all realized that they couldn't find anything as cheap inside California, let alone the Bay Area. Buying a one-bedroom unit for under \$200,000 hasn't been possible for years. That gave them

the confidence to continue the pursuit.

The landlord, on the other hand, had to face the prospect of trying to sell a rent-controlled property in Berkeley with very low rents, and long-term tenants, tenants who would likely be reluctant to move.

Selling to the tenants would probably net her the most cash. It suddenly started to look like a classic win-win situation.

The tenants knew each other,

So, an idea that had been percolating in Cannon's mind for years was finally going to get the test: Tenants could buy their own building as "tenants in common" and get many of the benefits of home ownership usually reserved for people with deeper pockets.

they knew their building. So, the prospect of staying put, getting deductions on their tax return and taking control of their future all sounded like a smart decision.

They're all owners now, and,

like many buyers of real estate, their only regret is probably that they didn't do it sooner.

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such as Investment Property Exchange (IPX) in Oakland.

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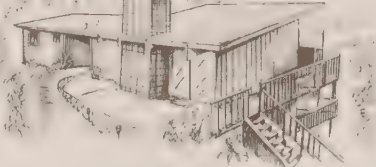
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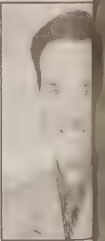
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NEW BERKELEY LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2-4:30PM



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Enjoy Golden Gate views from this terrific mid-century modern 2+BR, 1BA home designed in 1948 by UC Berkeley's renowned architect John Funk. Eat-in kitchen opens to sunny, charming private patio. Open floor plan with lots of glass, cork flooring, and Philippine mahogany walls. Park-like setting. This Berkeley jewel is just minutes away from the UC Berkeley campus and easy access to BART, San Francisco freeways and shopping.



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3934 Madrone Avenue, Oakland
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Charming all level 2 bedroom, 2 bath custom built home. Located on sunny corner lot with lovely landscaping. Handsome fireplace in living room. Both bedrooms are spacious with hardwood floors including a spacious master bedroom suite. Beautiful rear patio, fenced yard and detached garage.



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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,699,000
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Chic contemporary in coveted neighborhood. Sophisticated design with high ceilings, bamboo floors, and glass tile accent. Generous spaces with plenty of natural light. 4BR, 3.5BA, office. David Ichikawa x1331



MONTCLAIR \$970,000
7267 WOODROW DR.
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OAKLAND HILLS \$699,000
5098 PARKRIDGE DR. (Open 2-5)
Great all-level 3BR/2BA home in Parkridge Estates. Large corner lot w/wonderful yard, patio & deck areas. Living & dining room with vaulted ceilings; spacious family room; fireplace. Near Regional Parklands. Vicki Woodhead x1334



SAN LEANDRO \$697,000
1008 OAKS BLVD. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Mid-century 3BR/1.5BA traditional in Escondido Estates. Formal dining room. Spacious family room with French doors to garden & patio. Minutes to fine dining, a gourmet coffee shop & transportation. Candy Benny x1328



BERKELEY \$575,000
1811 MIUVIA ST. (Open 2-4)
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KENSINGTON \$1,395,000
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Built in 1951 by Kensington architect Nora Davies on a deep, secluded garden site, this exquisite property has been lovingly renovated. 4+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 1 bedroom in-law unit, 3 car garage. Gini Erck x1339



MONTCLAIR \$869,000
6317 WOOD DR.
Beautiful 3BR, 2+BA home. Remodeled kitchen, bay view, hardwood floors, great master suite with fireplace and deck access to hot tub. Many outdoor spaces including decks, patios and terraced yards. Michelle Miller x1335



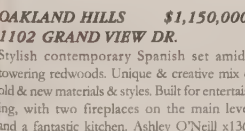
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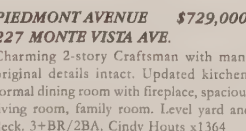
OAKLAND \$610,000
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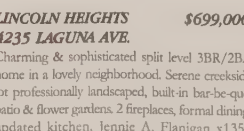
OAKLAND \$535,000
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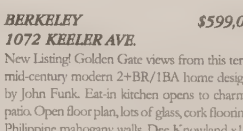
OAKLAND HILLS \$1,150,000
1102 GRAND VIEW DR.
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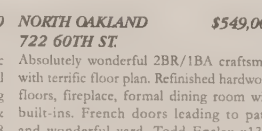
PIEDMONT AVENUE \$729,000
227 MONTE VISTA AVE.
Charming 2-story Craftsman with many original details intact. Updated kitchen, formal dining room with fireplace, spacious living room, family room. Level yard and deck. 3+BR/2BA. Cindy Houts x1364



LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$699,000
4235 LAGUNA AVE.
Charming & sophisticated split level 3BR/2BA home in a lovely neighborhood. Serene creek-side lot professionally landscaped, built-in bar-be-que, patio & flower gardens. 2 fireplaces, formal dining, updated kitchen. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



BERKELEY \$599,000
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New Listing! Golden Gate views from this terrific mid-century modern 2+BR/1BA home designed by John Funk. Eat-in kitchen opens to charming patio. Open floor plan, lots of glass, cork flooring & Philippine mahogany walls. Dee Knowland x1318



NORTH OAKLAND \$549,000
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Absolutely wonderful 2BR/1BA craftsman with terrific floor plan. Refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room with built-ins. French doors leading to patio and wonderful yard. Todd Ensley x1377

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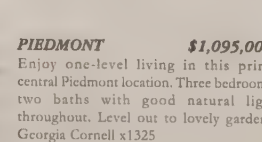
PIEDMONT \$1,395,000
Traditional charm throughout this beautifully remodeled home. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, family room and office. Level-out to lovely gardens. Serene, cul-de-sac setting. Georgia Cornell x1325



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$639,000
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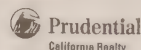
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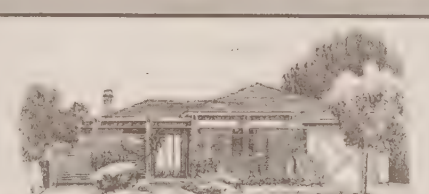
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Safe Harbor 401(k): An alternative for small business

BY LEILA GOUGH
CORRESPONDENT

As a small business owner, you know there are several retirement plan options available. And, as the number of small businesses continues to grow, it is important to provide your employees with the best options possible in order to retain them.

Selecting the best retirement plan that meets your needs and those of your employees can sometimes be difficult. It is important to look at the details of the plans to ensure that the plan you select is the most appropriate plan.

Many employers who currently maintain 401(k) plans are disappointed when they realize that at the end of the year they must refund contributions to highly compensated employees because of low or reduced participation levels from the rank-and-file employees.

To help business owners avoid this situation, a safe harbor 401(k) may serve as a better alternative to help enhance contributions for the highly compensated employees, while keeping overall administration costs in check.

A safe harbor 401(k) is a retirement plan that allows highly compensated employees to make salary deferral contributions up to the designated limit for a given year (\$13,000 for 2004), regardless of the participation level of regular employees and as long as the employer commits to a certain level of contributions.

To understand the benefits of the safe harbor 401(k), you must first understand annual discrimination testing applicable in traditional 401(k) plans. You may be asking—what is discrimination testing? The employer must perform two tests to ensure that the amounts deferred by employees and the employer's matching contributions do not discriminate in favor of the business owners and other highly compensated employees.

The Actual Deferral Percentage test ensures that the rate of deferrals for highly compensated employees is not excessive compared with that of non-highly compensated employees. If a retirement plan fails this test, the employer must refund contributions to highly compensated employees (which are taxable to the employee) or make additional contributions on behalf of non-highly paid employees.

The Actual Contribution Percentage test applies to the rate of matching contributions on behalf of highly compensated employees versus the average employee in much the same way as the Actual Deferral Percentage test.

The safe harbor 401(k) does not require the complicated discrimination testing. Instead, the plan must meet both contribution and notification requirements and the employer must make a minimum fully vested contribution to the plan using one of the following methods:

Under the match formula, the employer will provide the safe harbor contribution to any employee that elects to defer, through salary deferrals, into the plan. This method has

basic and enhanced match formulas.

The basic match formula is defined as a 100 percent match on the first three percent deferred and a 50 percent match on deferrals between three and five percent of salary. The enhanced match formula allows the plan sponsor to tailor the formula used to match. Nonetheless, it must be equal to at least the amount a participant would receive under the basic match.

Non-elective contributions of

three percent of pay for all eligible employees. Under the non-elective formula, the employer will provide a minimum of three percent safe harbor contributions to all eligible employees, regardless of their participation in the plan. All eligible employees must receive a written notice describing the applicable safe harbor provision between 30 and 90 days before the beginning of the plan year. This notice must be provided for each year the plan will be a safe harbor plan.

As you can see, a safe harbor 401(k) may be an attractive option for your small business employees. Your financial advisor can help you sort through the options and find the most plan for your business.

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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide starting on page B20.

JUST LISTED!



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2:00-4:30 pm

3223 Kempton Avenue

Tidy triplex near Piedmont Ave./Lakeshore shopping, Kaiser & transportation options: all 2 bd/1 ba, w/eat-in kitchens, updated baths, HWF, attached garages & laundry room.

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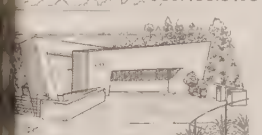
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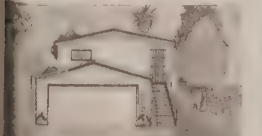
Montclair \$1,950,000
Contemporary! 4 BR 3.5 BA
on flr plan, gran cnts, soaring
ceings, slate floors. 3 lvs w/bay views.
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traditional with great architectural
details, wonderful in-outdoor living,
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Berkeley \$950,000
Units - Some hardwood floors, close to
freeway and shopping.
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stainless steel app., custom cabinets and
built-in desk.
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3D/1BA down duplex. Lower unit
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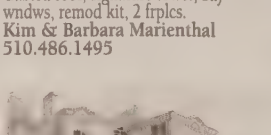


Montclair \$1,650,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Mediterranean, gourmet kit
w/slab counter tops, cherry cabinetry, &
stainless appliances.
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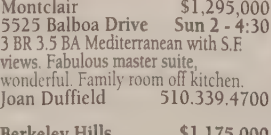


Montclair \$1,499,000
6267 Ruthland Road.
Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Fabulous contemporary
with gourmet kitchen, big S.F. Bay
views new construction.
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Needleman
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Berkeley \$1,350,000
Sun 1 - 4
5 BR 4 BA Lovingly restored Victorian.
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wndws, remodel kit, 2 frplcs.
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Montclair \$1,295,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA Mediterranean with S.F.
views. Fabulous master suite,
wonderful. Family room off kitchen.
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Berkeley Hills \$1,175,000
Sun 2 - 4
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& sophisticated!
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Berkeley \$980,000/each
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3 BR 3.5 BA 2 Elegant, brand new
townhouses in grt loc. Qual blt, fine
fin. Chef's kit. Some bay views.
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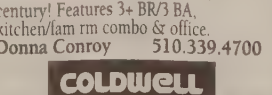
Oakland \$899,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Delightful Traditional,
hwdw flrs, 2 frplcs, french drs + sunrm,
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Montclair \$799,000
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century! Features 3+ BR/3 BA,
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El Cerrito \$589,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30
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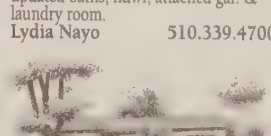


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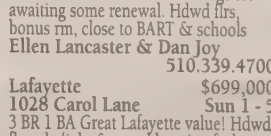
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Oakland \$750,000
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Tidy triplex 2bd/1ba, w/eat-in kitchens,
updated baths, hwdw, attached gar. &
laundry room.
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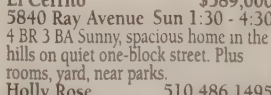
Lafayette \$719,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30
1177 Pleasant Hill Cir
3 BR 1.5 BA Sweet home on large lot
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bonus rm, close to BART & schools
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Lafayette \$699,000
Sun 1 - 5
1028 Carol Lane
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Accent the style! Att gar.
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Sat/Sun 1 - 4
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Redwood Heights \$575,000
Sat/Sun 2 - 4:30
3045 Frye St
2 BR 1.5 BA Nestled in perennial
garden, this sunny home is a must see
Hdwd flrs & views.
Karen Lum & Nader Davari
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Oakland \$499,000
Sun 1 - 4:30
6042 Leona Street
3 BR 2 BA Sweet home on large wooded
lot hwdws, built-ins, spacious kit
fireplace & patio. Charming!
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Oakland \$475,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
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craftsman style bungalow w/big
basement. Deck off mstr bd. Updated
kit.
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Oakland \$437,300
Sun 2 - 4:30
4808 Congress St.
2 BR 1 BA Craftsman style, bonus rm,
wainscoting hwdw flrs, stained glass,
hot tub, large tool shed.
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China Hill \$349,000
Sun 2 - 5
322 Hanover Ave, Unit 211
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When Alameda's filmmaker Andy Pagano died, he left a valuable legacy of vintage video and film. A new Pagano film has been released — courtesy of Alameda Power & Telecom and the Alameda Museum. The subject is the 1939-40 World's Fair, dubbed the Golden Gate International Exposition. The World's Fair was created to celebrate the opening of the Bay and Golden Gate bridges. This "Pageant of the Pacific" attracted exhibits and fair-goers from around the world.

A veritable wonderland of Art Deco structures arose on the newly developed Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Film highlights include the Tower of the Sun, the Elephant Towers, the Court of Pacifica, and the Arc of Triumph. Billy Rose's famous Aquacade is featured, as are night scenes at the Fair and attractions in the Fun Zone, called The Gayway. This 24-minute color video is available for \$17 in both VHS and DVD format at Pagano's, 1100 Lincoln Ave. in Alameda, 510-522-1345, and at the Alameda Museum, 1234 Alameda Ave. in Alameda.

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730 29th Street #118 Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$849,000
3+1 - Traditional Craftsman home with lots of built-ins, stained glass windows, remodeled kitchen, 2-car garage, hot tub. Near College Avenue shops, restaurants and conveniences.
352 Glendale Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$980,000
3+1/4 - 1st time offered in 30 years! Rare Mediterranean estate, 2-story with Gothic touches. 2 large rooftop decks, in-ground tile pool, vast yard. One of a kind property!
2313 Valley Street Open 2-4:30



ALBANY \$599,000
2/1.5 - Picture perfect bungalow very close to Solano Avenue has light-filled rooms, hardwood floors throughout, architecturally designed kitchen, lovely gardens and more!
924 Curtis Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$319,000
2/1 - Cute starter on nice street with long-term neighbors. Lovely fireplace and built-ins. Fenced yard with fruit trees.
1955 64th Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$469,000
2+1/2 - Charming, sun-drenched, split-level bungalow on glorious gardener's lot in trendy Millsmont. Inlaid hardwood floors, built-ins, more.
6328 Outlook Avenue Open 2-4:30



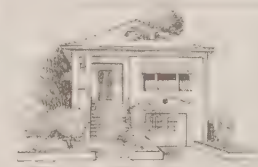
BERKELEY - NEW! \$525,000
4/3 - Beautiful bungalow with Craftsman details, updated kitchen, updated bathrooms, new exterior paint, move-in condition.
2961 California Street Open 2-4:30



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$585,000
2/1 - Charming home with spacious rooms, hardwood floors, attached garage and large yard with hillside views. Only blocks to Plaza.
716 Norvell Street Open 2-5



OAKLAND - NEW! \$489,000
2/1 - Idora Park, split-level Mediterranean with cathedral ceilings, sunny kitchen, nook. Close to Temes, telegraph shops and more.
5607 Broadway Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$497,000
3/1.5 - Charming North Oakland Classic bungalow, complete with formal dining room, hardwood floors, nonconforming bonus basement. Close to transportation & freeway access.
616 62nd Street Open 2-4



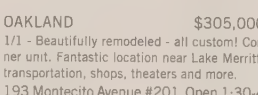
BERKELEY \$618,000
3/2 - 1908 beauty. Enter through the white picket fence. Remodeled kitchen, refinished wood floors, new paint, tile in kitchen and bath, nice yard.
2536 Grant Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$549,000
2/1 - Spacious and stylish with vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, full basement/workshop, large garden/patio. Great location. Photos at www.BobBlumberg.com.
6511 Knott Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$379,000
2+1 - Up & coming West Oakland, near Emeryville border. Beautifully renovated Victorian, lovely landscaped yard.
3129 Market Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$305,000
1/1 - Beautifully remodeled - all custom! Corner unit. Fantastic location near Lake Merritt, transportation, shops, theaters and more.
193 Montecito Avenue #201 Open 1:30-4



FREMONT \$415,000
3/1.5 - Mint condition designer townhouse. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen, new carpets & washer/dryer in unit. www.katieandmark.com.
4503 Guiso Common Open 2-4



PACHECO - NEW! \$475,000
3/2 - Sunny and spacious home in lovely neighborhood. Fireplace in living room, detached garage and large front yard.
211 Carolos Drive Open 2-4:30

PLEASANT HILL \$749,000
3/2 - Single-story ranch style home with lushly landscaped front yard, charm & detail throughout, spacious & private backyard with pool, remodeled kitchen, and addition.
160 Wyatt Circle Open 1-4

by appointment

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3+1/2.5 - Traditional Crocker Highlands home. Gracious rooms, original wood detail, with wonderful layout, rich, lush decorative colors. Close to Lakeshore shops, restaurants. MORE!

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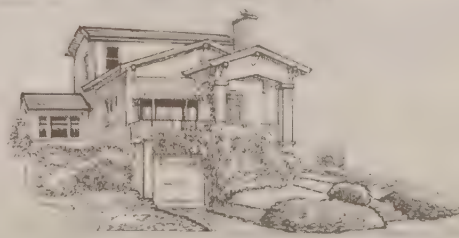


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Short-stemmed tulips need to chill out

Q. Why are my tulips blooming on such short stems? They are only about two or three inches tall?

A. Not all tulips have long stems. The early-blooming varieties, Kaufman and Fosterana bloom on short stems. Two to three inches is the normal stem length for early season varieties.

The stem length of tulips is related to the chilling period before flowering and the temperature in the weeks prior to the flower buds opening. Because of our mild winter, the soil never gets cold enough to satisfy the chilling requirement of tulips. You simulate the chill factor by putting the bulbs in a refrigerator for four to six weeks prior to planting.

During this cold period, a growth hormone called Gibberellic Acid (GA) forms on the growing point of the bulb. GA is the chief contributor to the development of long stems. If the cold period is short, the naturally produced GA is not present in sufficient quantities to lengthen the stems before the flower buds open.

The second aspect of temperature that can dramatically influence the stem length is how warm it is when the flower stems are elongating. Warmer temperatures contribute to longer but weak stems. The flowers are top heavy and floppy. Colder temperatures result in shorter, sturdier stems. While we can't control the weather, we certainly do control the chilling period.

When chilling tulips, remove any fruit, such as bananas, apples, pears and tomatoes. As these fruits and other ripen, they release a naturally occurring gas called ethylene. This damages the immature flower already formed in the bulb.

Q. I'm planning on planting a vegetable garden this spring but there are raccoons in my neighborhood. Is there something I could grow as a companion plant that will repel these unwanted intruders? I also have fruit trees and grapes growing in the area. I'd prefer something organic and a savage dog patrolling my yard is not an option.

A. Sorry but I'm not aware of any companion plants that repel raccoons. With the abundance of things to feed on, your yard has to be number one on their list of gardens to dine on. You'll have to rely on conventional solutions and while there are lots of them, there isn't one that is universally considered best.

Fencing off the area with a wire or vinyl material is the first option. As the crops mature, you enhance the effectiveness of the barrier by hanging strips of sheets dipped in ammonia around the fence. The raccoons are repelled, as they don't care for the ammonia smell. If the population is small, you can relocate the raccoons, by catching them in a live trap.

Q. In early December, I planted cauliflower and cabbage. The leaves are a deep green color and new leaves keep forming but there are no signs of any cauliflowers or cabbages.

Should I wait for the cauliflower or cabbage to appear or should I

replace them with summer vegetable plants?

A. These plants develop very slowly. In the future, plan on planting these crops in mid-October for harvesting in March and April.

With the temperatures remaining cool, they should mature; however, if it warms up to quickly and we have above normal temperatures, 80 to 90 degrees, the plants will bolt or

go to seed. Once this occurs, the plants are finished so pull them out and plant your summer crops. It will not be too late to plant tomatoes, peppers, melons, squashes, cucumbers and others in May.

Q. I have a very old clematis plant with three-inch fragrant white flowers that starts blooming in

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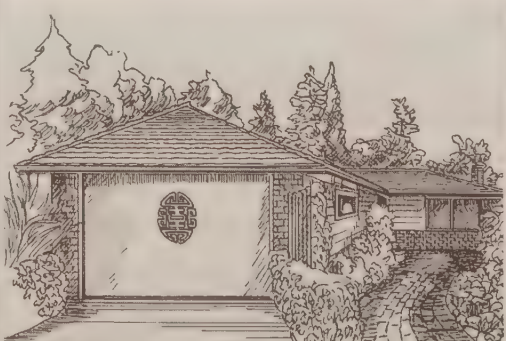
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Michigan. Bay views, 4 decks, 2.5BA, fam, 2 car garage. Holmes (510) 834-2010

Sat. & Sun. 2-4:30 \$599,000
Lincoln. Beautiful remodeled 1BA, "Private Paradise." Strand (510) 339-9290

OAKLAND

Sunday 2-5 \$439,000
3227 Laurel. 2BR, updated kitchen & bath, redwood patio, spa! Lois Harris (510) 834-2010

Sunday 2-4:30 \$423,000
1278 E. 34th St. Early 2BR/1BA Craftsman w/king-sized yard. JohnWesleyRealtor.com (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4 \$389,000
804 57th St. 2BR/1BA, hwdw flrs, garage, easy access to freeway. June (510) 866-9668

Sunday 2-5 \$385,000
2823 Richmond Ave. Cozy 1+BR/1BA bungalow. Fenced bkdy. Barbara Hopper (510) 986-9553

Sunday 2-5 \$319,000
2900 Morgan #B. 2BR/1BA condo, beauty in a 3 unit complex. Anita Becker (510) 868-1554

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Sunday 2-4 \$560,000
953 Kains, Albany. 3BR/2BA Tahoe-style retreat has it all. Must see. Kathleen Wilson (510) 527-9800

Sunday 2-4 \$525,000
711 Buchanan, Albany. 1145 sq. ft. 2+BR/2BA. Nice yard, near Solano. Camille Rogers (510) 845-0211

Sunday 2-4 \$495,000
2759 Park. 2BR/1BA, updt kit, hwdw flrs, nice yard, gd loc - bright. Phina Chrisentery (510) 868-1404

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Coming Soon in Richmond \$499,000
Cute 3BR/2BA in desirable neighborhood. Must see! Ad #1426. (510) 758-5637

Sunday 2-4 \$479,000
2408 Dolan, San Pablo. Move in condition. Cute, close & cozy 3BR/2BA. Jim Parkhurst (510) 527-9800

SAN FRANCISCO

Sunday 1-4 \$1,250,000
3573 22nd St. Victorian jewel! 3BR/2BA, gar, hwdws, frplc, remod. baths. John Abbott (510) 219-6334

RESIDENTIAL INCOME

Sunday 2-4:30 \$2,295,000
5895 Grizzly Peak, Oakland. Spectacular 4BR/3.5BA w/Bay views and cutting edge construction. Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,950,000
7112 Marlborough Terrace, Berkeley. Sophisticated 3BR/3.5BA Mediterranean. Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Sunday 1-4 \$1,395,000
1148 Grizzly Peak, Berkeley. Stunning 3BR/4BA, 1 frplc, 2FR, Golden Gate & City views! Gary DeMars (415) 254-4243

Sunday 2-4 \$829,000
2257 Park, Oakland. Gorgeous triple. 2BR/1BA ea. Separate water meters, hwdw flrs, frplc, built-ins. Near Lake Merritt. Mayling Trinh (510) 928-6168

Sunday 2-4 \$729,000
2911 Nicol, Oakland. Duplex & in-law. 3BR ea. plus 2BR/1BA in-law. 7500 sq. ft. lot. Orig. details. Parking. Mayling Trinh (510) 928-6168

Sunday 2-4 \$525,000
1843-47, E. 25th St. 4-plex, 1BR/1BA, clean units, good cash flow. Must see. Selfu Daba (415) 518-8561

Sunday 2-4 \$425,000
1645 Deems, Pittsburg. Duplex, large units, 3BR/1BA each, must see! David Lockett (510) 834-2010

open home **virtual album**

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Temperatures are just starting to warm up from the winter months; therefore, the flowers are on the old wood as the flush of new growth has yet to occur. This variety is pruned after the blooming period.

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 2-5

Lovely 1923 traditional Rockridge two-story stucco home in very special neighborhood just above College Avenue. Three bedrooms, one and a half baths, formal living and dining rooms, fireplace, cheerful sunroom, full basement. Loads of original woodwork. Pretty level yard and two-car garage. All of it so close to schools, transportation and shopping!

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\$328,000	1311 Webster St. E113	1BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-614-4858	
Harbor Bay Realty		Brooke Abbasi	
\$345,000	955 Shorepoint Ct. #302	1BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4		510-748-1116/1158	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.	A. Garvin/T. Bennett		
\$373,000	325 Kittyhawk #113	2BD/2BA	
Open Sat 2-4		510-523-0746	
Kane & Assoc.		Mindy Hart	
\$375,000	3706 Brookdale Ave.	2BD/1BA	
Open Sat & Sun 2-4		510-769-1845	
Kane & Assoc.		Rosemary McNally	
\$376,000	22539 Center Street	2BD/2BA	
Sat. 2-4		510-522-4449	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Kelko McDonah	
\$399,500	965 Shorepoint Ct. #206	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 1-4		925-260-0723	
Better Homes Realty		George Naeger	
\$429,000	2253 Clinton Ave.	1BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1170/1175	
Gallagher and Lindsey J. Selbach/A. Debardeleben			
\$440,000	1734 Union Street	2BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1135	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Eric Tam	
\$465,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. 477	2BD/1SBA	
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-614-4863	
Harbor Bay Realty		Tisa Beene	
\$525,000	3229 Madison St.	2BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4 East End		510-614-4811	
Harbor Bay Realty		Fred Christensen	
\$539,950	3028 Flora Vista	3BD/2SBA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-614-4826/4828	
Harbor Bay Realty	D. Williams/A. Bertolani		
\$549,000	3410 Bithorn lane	3BD/2SBA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-377-7733/748-1166	
Gallagher and Lindsey A. McIntyre/R. & C. Basora			
\$559,950	3506 Savana Lane	4BD/2SBA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-614-4800	
Harbor Bay Realty		Janet investor	
\$595,000	2521 Clement Ave	2+BD/1SBA	
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	415-730-0224/510-521-1611		
Fortuna Realty		Rosalinda Fortuna	
\$619,000	1423 Willow St	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-4000	
Montclair Better Homes		Lou Nguyen	
\$639,000	2800 Marina Drive	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	Fernside	510-514-4713	
Harbor Bay Realty		Russ Grant	
\$650,000	1611 Willow Street	-BD/-BA	
Sat 2-4	Victorian Duplex	510-748-1125/1158	
Gallagher and Lindsey	Troy Staten/Tom Bennett		
\$650,000	1611 Willow Street	-BD/-BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4 Duplex		510-748-1125/748-1158	
Gallagher and Lindsey	Troy Staten/Tom Bennett		
\$655,000	913 Independence Dr.	2BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Marina Village	510-614-4846	
Harbor Bay Realty		Janice Paya	
\$688,000	1517-19 Willow	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4		510-521-5475/523-2314	
Kane & Assoc.		Hanna Ery/Sally Rudzinski	

Alameda			
\$689,000	1205 Coral Reef Pl.	3BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-746-1176	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Pam Paulson	
\$689,000	219 Bannister Ct.	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4848/487	
Harbor Bay Realty		Ringo Liu/Alex Mak	
\$698,000	2854 Brown St.	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4882	
Harbor Bay Realty		Marla McIntyre	
\$725,000	3286 Encinal Ave.	4BD/2TB	
Sun 2-4		510-748-1102/1125	
Gallagher & Lindsey, R. Thiemann-Pereira, T. Staten			
\$749,900	153 Cumberland Way	2BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4874/4869	
Harbor Bay Rlty	Mark Playsted/Catherine Bierth		
\$769,000	51 Vista Road	4BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4881	
Harbor Bay Realty		Jena Ng	
\$799,000	1015 Mound Street	4BD/2.8BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-205-3575/864-2024/483-1676	
Kane & Assoc.	D. Gunderman/A. Ruskopf/K. Nowak		
\$825,000	1648 Versailles Ave.	3BD/1.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1170	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		John Selbach	
\$849,000	1026 Otis Drive	3BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Central	510-522-9604/483-4836	
Harbor Bay Realty	Isabella Lipetski/Nina Quan		
\$849,000	218 McDonnell Rd.	4+BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4824	
Harbor Bay Realty		Darin Vinal	
\$875,000	2865 Santa Clara Ave.	4BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4832	
Harbor Bay Realty	Dania Alvarez-Morrón		
\$878,000	1515 4th Street	3+BD/2+BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-748-1126	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Constance Farber	
\$885,000	2615 Buena Vista Ave.	4BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-301-4004	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Jim Nations	
\$888,000	976 & 978 Park St.	2 homes/1+0	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-628-3118	
Kane & Associates		Kathie & Patrick Ng	
\$889,000	7 Sabie Pointe	4BD/3BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4880	
Harbor Bay Realty		Maureen Shandobid	
\$929,000	262 Ratto Rd.	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4859	
Harbor Bay Realty		Karen Wellman	
\$929,000	2953 Marina Drive	3BD/1.25BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Fernside	510-814-4823	
Harbor Bay Realty		Nancy Brandt	
\$942,000	2933 Marina Drive	3BD/2BA	
Open Sat & Sun 2-4		510-865-9688	
Kane & Assoc.		Marilyn Oliver	
\$950,000	1012 Walnut St.	4 Units	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-421-6818	
C21 Heritage		A. Gordon & N. Lavrov	
\$951,000	1549 Bay Street	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4		510-523-3930/919-9233	
Realty World Marino Associates		Carol Martin	

Alameda			
\$989,000	236 Ratto Road	4BD/3BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4887/4848	
Harbor Bay Realty		Alex Mak/Ringo Liu	
Alamo			
\$525,000	1117 Camino del Valle	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-337-8670	
Prudential Alameda		Maury M. McFadden	
Albany			
\$449,000	816 Evelyn Ave	1BD	
Open Sun 1-4pm		510-527-2700x28	
Marvin Gardens		Diane Minin	
\$525,000	711 Buchanan	2+BD/2B	
Sun 2-4pm	Solano	510-869-2638	
Prudential		Camille	
\$525,000	711 Buchanan	2+BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4pm	Solano	510-869-2638	
Prudential		Camille	
\$599,000	924 Curtis St	2BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-280-2114	
Red Oak Realty		Judy Boe	
\$675,000	734 Pomona	3+BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-968-1487	
Prudential		Barbara Reynolds	
\$749,000	843 San Carlos	3BD/2BA	
OPEN SUN, 2-4:30		510-527-8777	
Investment House Realty		Jeanne Yeh, Agt.	
\$786,000	907 Carmel Ave	2+BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4pm		510-558-0638	
Choice Properties		Lina Wu	
Berkeley			
\$349,000	2615 Telegraph Ave #303	1BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4pm	S. Campus	510-524-9888x25	
Berkeley Hills Realty		Denise Milburn	
\$450,000	1112 Ward St	3BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential		Ed Marshall	
\$495,000	2759 Park St	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-968-1404	
Prudential		Phina Chrisrity	
\$525,000	2444 Virginia Street #A	2BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-748-1807	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Ann Bracci	
\$525,000	2961 California St	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2163	
Red Oak Realty		Charlie Cook	
\$535,000	1605 Channing Way	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-4280	
Montclair Better Homes		M.J. McConville	
\$550,000	2205 Derby St	2bd/1ba	
Open Sun, 2-4:30	So. Berkeley	510-849-1950x240	
Thornwall Properties		Colleen Larkin	
\$575,000	1811 Milvia	3BD/1.5BA	
Sun 2-4		510-338-1330	
Pacific Union GMAC		Lorri Arazi	
\$585,000	2724 Mabel St	3BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-9111	
Marvin Gardens		Barbara Kaplan	
\$599,000	1050 6 St	4-plex	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-968-1400	
Prudential		Mark Hardwicke	
\$599,000	1072 Keeler	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1318	
Pacific Union GMAC		Dee Knowland	
\$599,000	1505 6th St		
Open Sun 2-4pm	4-plex	510-968-1400	
Prudential		Mark Hardwicke	
\$618,000	2536 Grant St	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-280-2112	
Red Oak Realty		Edna Olmstead	
\$619,000	511 Neilson Street	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.		Helene Barkin	
\$649,000	1481 6th St	3+BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-9111	
Marvin Gardens		Melissa Elzenbert	
\$695,000	1738 Capistrano Ave	2+BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-527-9111	
Marvin Gardens		Todd & Ron	
\$729,500	1828 Francisco St.	Duplex	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8900	
C21 Heritage		Kelth Tower	

Berkeley			
\$735,000 Sat 2-4; Sun 2-5 Prudential	2956 Pine Ave Elmwood	2+BD/2BA 510-428-0900	
\$800,000 Open Sun 2-5pm Prudential	1039 Channing Way	Triplex 510-868-1400	
\$800,000 Sat & Sun 2-5pm Prudential	1039 Channing Way	Triplex 510-336-6484 Angelina Fusco	
\$850,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens	1851 San Ramon	3BD/2BA 510-527-2700x341	
\$895,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1809 Marin Ave	5BD/2.5BA 510-652-2123 Annie Walrand	
\$980,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	1401-1403 Milvia St.	3BD/3.5BA 510-486-1495 Cheryl Cahn	
\$980,000 Open Sun 2-4:30pm Red Oak Realty	2313 Valley St	3+BD/1+BA 510-280-2138 Billy Karp	
\$995,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	40 San Mateo Road	3BD/1.5BA 510-652-2131 Susie Schvill	
\$999,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Zia Sabetimani Broker	1085 Keith Ave	5 BD/3/BA 510-527-145	
\$999,000 Open Sun 2:30-4:30 Wohl-Luttringer	1416 8th St	5 Units 510-593-5525 David	
\$1,025,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	16 Eucalyptus Road	3BD/2.5BA 510-652-2131 Bebe McRae	
\$1,168,000 Open Sun 1-5 C21 Heritage	6615 Bristol Dr.	3+BD/3.5BA 925-381-1654 Kathy Wang	
\$1,175,000 Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker	2877 Shasta Rd.	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Peter Nicolopoulos	
\$1,335,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	1164 Laurel	4BD/3BA 511-7000 x29 Carol Robbian	
\$1,350,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2156 Ward St.	5BD/4BA 510-486-1495 Kim & Barbara Marienth	
\$1,475,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	683 Santa Barbara Road	-BD/-BA 510-339-0400 Ford/Ploverhigh	
\$1,495,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	880 Grizzly Peak	4BD/3.5BA 510-652-2131 Bebe McRae	
\$1,600,000 Sun 2-5 Prudential	3367 Dwight Way Panoramic Hill	4-plex 510-428-0900 Bryan Salomon	
\$3,600,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Millstein & Associates	641 The Alameda	4+BD/3+BA 510-527-6882 Gene Millstein	
\$589,000 Sun 1:30-4:30 Coldwell Banker	5840 Ray Avenue	4BD/3BA 510-486-1495 Holly Ros	
\$\$\$ Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	7112 Marlborough Terrace	3BD/3.5BA 510-339-925 Heldi Marchesotti	
El Cerrito			
\$449,000 Open Sun 2-5 Berkeley Hills Realty	321 Carmel Ave Fat Apples	2BD/1B 510-524-9883x1 Warren Lee	
\$449,900 Open Sun 2-4pm Coldwell Banker Bartels	1601 Liberty St	2BD/2.5B 510-237-0373 Franca Tallierico	
\$515,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens	316 Pomona Ave	2BD/1B 510-527-9131 Diana Mendez	
\$549,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Red Oak Realty	6511 Knott Ave	2BD/1B 510-280-2121 Tom Con	
\$569,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Marvin Gardens	650 Clayton Ave	3BD/2B 510-527-2700x341 Juliana Wynder	
\$585,000 Open Sun 2-5pm Red Oak Realty	716 Norvell	2BD/1B 510-292-2121 Pat Leape	
\$595,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Security Pacific	2740 Arlington	4BD/2B 510-662-855 cariadelazoppa	

El Cerrito		
\$599,000	5421 Hillside	300
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-461-
Security Pacific		carladellay@
\$625,000	984 King	300
Open Sun 2-4		510-534-44
Berkeley Hills Realty		Mary Lou
\$625,000	984 King	300
Open Sun		510-524-44
Berkeley Hills Realty		
\$699,000	1251 King Dr	310
Open 1-4pm		510-421-
Prudential		
\$720,000	2328 Carquinez Ave.	414
Open Sun. 1-4	El Cerrito Hills	781
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\$495,000	4218 Fariss Lane	300
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Marvin Gardens		Mary Lou
\$560,000	4319 San Pablo Dam Rd.	380
Sun. 2-4		510-421-
Centennial Real Estate	F. John M	
Emeryville		
\$419,000	1500 Park Ave #120	110
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-421-
Prudential		Tan
Fremont		
\$415,000	4503 Gulso Cmn	300
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-421-
Red Oak Realty		Mark
Hercules		
\$327,500	197 Glenwood	300
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-421-
Marvin Gardens		Barbara
Kensington		
\$610,000	267 Cambridge Avenue	110
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-421-
The Grubb Co.		CM
\$699,000	45 Kingston Road	310
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-421-
The Grubb Co.		Ruth P
\$1,395,000	14 Sunet Drive	410
Sun 2-5		510-421-
Pacific Union GMAC		
Lafayette		
\$625,000	3229 Stanley Blvd	310
Open Sun 2-4:30pm	2 houses	510-421-
Marvin Gardens		Mil
\$699,000	1028 Carol Lane	310
Sun 1-5		510-421-
Coldwell Banker		George
\$719,000	1177 Pleasant Hill Circle	300
Open Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30		510-421-
Coldwell Banker	Ellen Lancaster	
\$1,495,000	3266 Elvia Street	500
Sun 1-4		510-421-
Alain Pinel Realtors		Peter Han
Oakland		
\$649,000	311 Oak St. Unit Ph24	310
Sat & Sun 1-4	Jack London Square	510-421-
Coldwell Banker		Terry
\$289,000	2316 Lakeshore Ave.	310
Open Sun. 1-4	Lake Merritt	510-421-
Re/Max EBay Homes		Dave
\$305,000	193 Montecito Ave #201	310
Open Sun 1:30-4pm		510-421-
Red Oak Realty		Hill
\$319,000	1955 64th Ave	310
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-421-
Red Oak Realty		
\$319,000	2900 Morgan Ave. #13	310
Open Sun. 2-5	Upper Dimond	510-421-
Prudential Cal. Realty		Art
\$349,000	322 Hanover Ave. Unit 211	310
Sun 2-5	Lake Merritt	510-421-
Coldwell Banker		Dom
\$350,000	3024 Delaware St	310
Sun 2-4:30pm	Lower Laurel	510-421-
Keller Williams		Jeanne

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- * Great Investment Opportunity, Beautiful 5-plex.
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- Updated Kitchens and Bathrooms
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- Near Whole Foods Close to U.C. Berkeley
- 6 Ashby BART Two Building
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- 4-unit building in rear w/2x280 & 2x180 units
- Owner in very move-in condition

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Q. We have a three-foot space around our trees. The ground is exposed along with the tree roots. Is good idea to fill in these areas with wood/bark chips or will it be harmful to the trees?

A. A one to two inch layer of bark or some other type of mulch is going to be detrimental to the tree in the short term. However, over time it could be an issue. The bark or any other organic material will break down or compost. The smaller particles will eventually cover the crown at the base of the trees and this could lead to crown rot. To prevent this from occurring, I would remove the old mulch each spring or every other year and replace it with new material. The old mulch is reusable elsewhere in the garden.

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3000 Sun 2-4pm Prudential	9908 Maddux Dr Brookfield	2BD/1BA 510-834-2010 Orlanda Uffre	\$420,000 6421 Brann St 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4pm ZipRealty 925-216-7109 Larry Solis
3000 Sun 1:30-4 Prudential Properties	7848 Hillmont	1+bd/1ba 510-840-1950x240 Colleen Larkin	\$423,000 1278 E. 34th St 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential 510-339-9290 John Wesley
3000 Sun 2-4pm Prudential	1016/1018 53rd St	Duplex 510-292-3049 Gloria Polanski	\$430,000 1830 Lakshore Ave #310 2BD/2BA Open 1:30-4 Realty World East Bay 510-625-8900 Lorne Lenn
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3000 Sun 1-4 Prudential	833 Kingston Ave. Piedmont Ave. Max E Bay Hills	2bd/2ba 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins	\$449,000 2018 16th Ave 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage 510-219-2215 Tracy Tan Bronson
3000 Sun 2-4pm Prudential	3129 Market St	2+BD/1BA 510-232-2027 Charity Ankrum	\$449,000 4621 Walnut Street 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors 531-7006 x228 Kate Phillips
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\$549,000	722 60th St.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	North Oakland	510-338-1377	
Pacific Union GMAC		Todd Ensey	
\$550,000	3720 Rhoad Avenue	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 1-5pm		510-507-3334	
Help-U-Sell Action Properties		Therese Herget	
\$575,000	3045 Frye Street	2BD/1.5BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker		Karen Lum	
\$599,000	1160 Powell St	3BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Emeryville Border	510-524-9888-122	
Berkeley Hills Realty		Chris Ehlers-Hardie	
\$599,000	4224 Lincoln Ave	2BD/1/1	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Montclair Heights	510-339-9290	
Prudential		Laurel Strand	
\$599,000	730 29th St #118	Loft	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-280-2105	
Red Oak Realty		Sara Garabedian	
\$600,000	3815 Ardley Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Glenview	510-339-9290	
Prudential		Mary Dresser	
\$610,000	1002-1004 53rd	-BA/-BA	
Sun 2-4:30	DUPLEX	510-338-1319	
Pacific Union GMAC		Ann Nichols	
\$610,000	3225 Wisconsin St.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4		510-301-4004	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.		Jim Nations	
\$625,000	1006 Mandana Blvd	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Crocker Highlands	510-434-2010	
Prudential		Dolores Thon	
\$645,000	4111 Gilbert St.	2+BD/1+BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-547-5970 ext 55	
Lawton Associates		Ron Kris	
\$649,000	1327 Wellington St	3+BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Glenview	510-282-4420	
Terri Walker		Broker	
\$659,000	2325 Lelmont Blvd	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Oakmore Highlands	510-482-9000	
Montclair Better Homes		Patricia Bennett	
\$670,000	6140 Moraga Avenue	3BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	531-7006 x232	
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Tracy Butler	
\$679,000	1115 Trestle Glen Rd	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Crocker Highlands	510-434-2010	
Prudential		Dolores Thon	
\$699,000	3917 Greenwood Ave	3+BD/1+BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Glenview	510-339-4000	
The Grubb Co.		Hope Broderick	
\$699,000	4235 Laguna	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Lincoln Heights	510-338-1354	
Pacific Union GMAC		Jennie A. Flanigan	
\$699,000	5098 Parkridge Drive	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-5	Oakland Hills	510-338-1334	
Pacific Union GMAC		Vicki Woodhead	
\$699,000	6057 Valley View	2+BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-338-1305	
Pacific Union GMAC		Teri Carlisle	
\$699,000	7297 Skyline Boulevard	3BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.		Angela Wei Grubb	
\$699,000	800 McKinley Ave	3+BD/2+BA	
Sun 2-5pm	Haddon Hill	510-428-0900	
Prudential		Scott Thompson	
\$719,000	11150 Sun Valley Dr	4BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Chabot Park Estates	510-339-9290	
Prudential		Regina Jacobs	
\$729,000	227 Monte Vista	3+BA/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue	510-338-1364	
Pacific Union GMAC		Cindy Houts	
\$729,000	2911 Nicol Ave	2+ units	
Sun 2-4pm	Fruitvale	510-287-5754	
Prudential		Mayling Trinh	
\$729,000	5157 Shafter Ave	3BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4pm	Rockridge	510-489-9900	
Malson Nouveau		Tory Finn	
\$739,000	67 Homegren Lane	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun 1-4	Montclair	510-595-7699	
T/Mac E.Bay Hills		Dave Higgins	
\$749,000	4309 Whittle Avenue	3+BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Dimond	510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.		The Ratcliffs	
\$749,000	9000 Sage Rd	5BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Sequoyah Heights	510-638-4134	
		Stephanie Chinista	

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\$755,000 Open Sun 1-4 Realty World Columbia	3424 Monterey Blvd Redwood Heights Columbia	3BD/2B 510-499-6163 Margarida
\$769,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	5901 Leona Street Oakland Hills K. Cooper / M. Merrick	5BD/4B 510-339-4004
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\$789,500 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1915 Wrenn Street Oakmore	3BD/3.5BA 510-389-0400 Susanne Park
\$799,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6480 Ascot Drive Montclair	3BD/3BA 510-339-1111 Julie Joyce
\$829,000 Sun 2-4pm Prudential	2257 Park Blvd China Hill	3 units 510-287-5756 Mayling Trinh
\$829,000 Sun 2-5pm Prudential	6218 Manoa Rockridge	3BD/1.5BA 510-845-0211 Ortrun Niesea
\$849,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Red Oak Realty	352 Glendale	3+BD/1BA 510-409-9111 Fari Niromann
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\$869,000 Open Sun 1-4 C21 Heritage	6055 Wood Dr. Montclair	3BD/3BA 510-332-3921 Azzarello/Bloggs
\$869,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	6317 Wood Drive Montclair	3BD/2+BA 510-339-1333 Michelle Miller
\$875,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	2500 Stockbridge Montclair	4BD/3BA 510-339-4000 Greta Sanford
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\$899,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	4611 Oak Hill Rd Sequoay	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-4566 Maria Sinclair
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\$1,149,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Lawton Associates	5329 Broadway Rockridge	4+BD/2+BA 510-547-5970 ext 55 Ron Kiss
\$1,150,000 Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	1102 Grand View Dr. Claremont Hills	3BD/2+BA 510-338-1368 Ashley O'Neill
\$1,175,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	6173 Harbord Dr Montclair	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 George Milliron
\$1,195,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	738 Longridge Road Crockner Highlands	4+BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Judith Cain
\$1,279,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	983 Leo Way Montclair	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen
\$1,295,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	6525 Balboa Drive Montclair	3BD/3.5BA 510-339-4700 Joan Duffield
\$1,385,000 Sun 1-5pm Montclair Better Homes	5200 Masonic Ave Upper Rockridge	3+BD/3BA 510-339-5775 Michael Thompson

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\$1,499,000	6267 Ruthland Road	48D/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Monclair	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker	David Eckert/Jeffrey Neidلمان		
\$1,650,000	6601 Elverton	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Monclair	510-339-4700	
Coldwell Banker	Judy Ackerman		
\$1,699,000	5230 Cochrane	4+4BD/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Uper Rockridge	510-338-1331	
Pacific Union GMAC	David Ichikawa		
\$2,295,000	5895 Grizzly Peak	48D/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	Oakland Hills	510-339-9290	
Prudential	Heldi Marchesotti		
\$318,000	6833 MacArthur Ave	2BD/1BA	
Sat 2-4:Sun 1-3		510-860-9070	
	Stephanie & John		
Orinda			
\$699,000	82 Underhill Rd.	2BD/2BA	
Sun 1-4		925-254-9492	
Pacific Union GMAC	Ann Ward		
Pacheco			
\$475,000	211 Carolos	3BD, 2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-292-2034	
Red Oak Realty	David Valdez		
Piedmont			
\$1,190,000	99 Oakmont Ave	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	
Prudential	Mary Dresser		
\$3,200,000	50 Sotelo Avenue	5BD/4.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.	Elizabeth Dickson		
Pleasant Hill			
\$749,000	160 Wyatt Circle	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 1-4pm		510-280-2162	
Red Oak Realty	Saraya Motley		
Richmond			
\$499,000	5701 Fresno Ave	3BD, 1BA	
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-9111	
Marvin Gardens	Joan Underwood		
\$585,000	651 Kern	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-848-1950	
Thornwall Properties	Tracy Davis		
San Francisco			
\$469,000	1442-A Grove Street	1BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4	North Panhandle	510-748-1148	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.	Pacita D'Amico		
\$1,250,000	3573 22nd St.	3BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-219-6334	
Prudential CA Realty	John Abbott		
San Leandro			
\$339,000	1400 Carpenter Unit 228	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-9900 x244	
C21 Heritage	Fiona MacIntyre		
\$535,000	1007 Grace Street	3BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-748-1170	
Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.	John Selbach		
\$535,000	1007 Grace Street	3BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1170/1175	
Gallagher and Lindsey	J. Selbach/A. DeBardeleben		
\$669,950	2205 Benedict Drive	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4		510-748-5300	
Homes Link Real Estate	Robert Newmann		
\$697,000	1008 Oaks Blvd.	3BD/1.5BA	
Sun 1-4	Estudillo Estates	510-338-1328	
Pacific Union GMAC	Candy Benny		
San Pablo			
\$719,999	108 Dolores Ct.	4bd/2.5ba	
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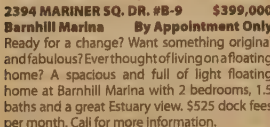
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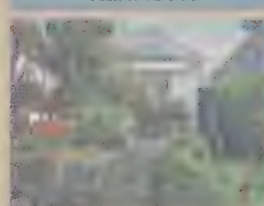
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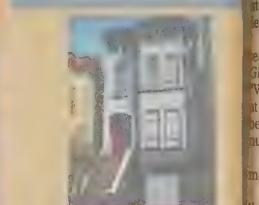
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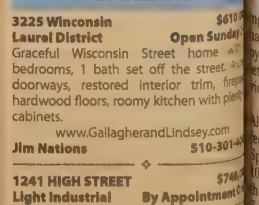
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Salesian pitcher Van Looy dominates Albany in 11-1 rout

Chieftains put up six runs in the first, drop Cougars to 3-2 in BSAL

By Bill Kolb
STAFF WRITER

After Wednesday's baseball game against Albany, Salesian High School pitcher Jonathan Van Looy said that he was only growing at about 75 percent of his maximum because he had not properly iced his arm after his previous start.

Maybe he should try that one often.

Van Looy dominated the Cougars on their home field,

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striking out six, walking three, scattering three hits and allowing one earned run in an 11-1 complete-game Bay Shore Athletic League victory.

He also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a solo home run to straightaway center field, drove in two runs, stole a base and scored twice.

"He's impressive," Salesian coach Mark Castillo said. "We're fortunate to have him. He's probably the best high school baseball player I've coached. That's two weeks in a row that he's shut (the opposition) down and dri-

ven in some runs. ... He's pretty good even when he isn't 100 percent."

Van Looy (5-3) struck out 15 in a shutout victory over St. Mary's on April 6. He also blasted a solo homer in that game, drove in three and scored twice.

The Chieftains (10-5, 5-0 BSAL) were the beneficiaries of some shoddy pitching by the Cougars (5-5-1, 3-2). They scored six runs against Albany starter Jason Bennett (3-3) in the top of the first on two hits, four walks and two hit batsmen, giving Van Looy a comfortable cushion before he threw his first pitch.

Salesian continued to pour it

on in the second when Jake Haskell launched the first of three Chieftains home runs, a solo blast that just cleared the tall fence in center field. Salesian added three more in the third when Daniel Moresco took one out to right for a three-run homer that scored Daniel Alcaire and Ryan Ching. Van Looy's homer in the sixth capped the scoring.

The Cougars' only run came in the bottom of the first. Zach Babbitt's grounder was fielded cleanly by Moresco at third but the throw got away from first baseman David Hubbands, allowing Bennett to score from second.



ALBANY'S Jason Bennett, left, steals second base ahead of the tag by Salesian shortstop Daniel Alcaire in Wednesday's BSAL game.

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

De Anza boasts strong golf team

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

DE ANZA HIGH SCHOOL boys golf coach John Myers knew his team would have a tough time handling Alameda's first non-tournament loss of the season after watching the Hornets' No. 1 player Ki-Shui sink a 60-foot eagle putt on the last hole on Tuesday.

After falling to the Hornets by seven strokes on March 10, the Dons thought they had a shot to beat the Hornets on Tuesday at Franklin Canyon.

But behind Liao, Jeff Wong and Shane Kim the Hornets out their second-best round in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play this season with a four-golfer score of 155 to hold off the Dons.

The total was nine strokes better than De Anza and 23 strokes better than Pinole Valley.

"They are definitely a strong team," said Alameda coach Ken Oetman about the Dons. "We only edged them by seven strokes and they have been putting up some strong numbers at Franklin Canyon."

With the win Alameda moved to 10-0 in league play. And although the Dons lost, they are having another successful year with a 5-2 mark in the ACCAL.

"Last season, we made the season in who knows how long and finished dead last," Myers said. "This season my goal was to get them back and finish dead last."

The Dons just might be able to do that this season. Sophomore Josh Ortiz has moved well at No. 1 for De Anza, including an even-par 36 by Liao for medalist on Tuesday.

Ortiz, who played at South Francisco last season, joins seniors Justin Salum, Erik Ker, Joey Urbanic and Andy Molinas.

Myers' team has also been winning some of its best golf as of late.

De Anza beat Berkeley 155-140 on April 5. Ortiz, Salum and Urbanic led the Dons with scores over par 38. The win ended the Dons' sweep of the season series against the Yellow Jackets.

The Dons have another shot to top the Hornets at the ACCAL Tournament on May 2 at Vista.

LOTS OF NO-NO'S: Entering this week's action, there has been a spate of no-hitters. Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League pitchers in the previous two weeks.

Pinole Valley baseball player Roberto Johnson threw a perfect game on March 30 as the Pirates defeated Richmond in a five-inning game in Doug Hansen Memorial Tournament. De Anza's Edmonds also threw a no-hitter in a 20-1 win over Kennedy on the same day in the same tournament.

Then on April 6, three no-hitters were thrown on the opening day of ACCAL softball. Alameda's Laura Yastishak was a no-hitter with only one walk as the Hornets beat Herndon 19-0 in a four-inning game.

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BSAL NOTEBOOK

Golf star gets to see Masters

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

HAVING AN accomplished journalist as your dad has its benefits.

For Albany High School boys golfer Adam Barkow, it means you get to walk on the Augusta Country Club golf course ... during the Masters.

Adam Barkow's dad, Al Barkow, received a lifetime achievement award from the famed country club in Augusta, Ga. last week. Barkow is a former editor and writer for Golf Illustrated and Golf Magazine, and the author of several books about golf.

He is now a freelance golf writer.

Adam Barkow went along with his dad to Georgia. He was able to walk the course during the Masters tournament, which was won by Tiger Woods.

The Albany High junior said the course looks a lot different in person than it does on television.

In his first match since returning, Barkow fired an even-par 36 at Tilden Park Golf Course as Albany beat visiting Salesian 221-251.

The Cougars improved to 3-4 in the Bay Shore Athletic League.

Barkow is the defending league champ. This season is the first the Cougars have fielded a team in more than 30 years.

While Barkow had a solid round at Tilden Park, he said he did not pick up any tips from Augusta's course.

"The thing about Augusta is what you learn there is just for that course," he said. "The greens are so hard, so sloping. It's super-wide open. It doesn't look that intimidating on TV, but you see guys practicing 100-footers and 50-footers."

Barkow is from New Jersey. He moved to the Bay Area 2½ years ago when he started his freshman year at Albany.

DONE DEAL: Piedmont's boys tennis team clinched the BSAL regular-season title Tuesday, shutting out Salesian 7-0.

Piedmont won three of the matches 6-0, 6-0. Those shutouts came from Michael Wasserman in No. 2 singles, Andrew Almeida and Alan Fung in No. 1 doubles and Chase Smiegiel and Alex Huynh in No. 2 doubles.

The Highlanders improved to 9-0 in league matches and close out BSAL play at John Swett today.

The BSAL championships are not until April 26-27.

Even though St. Joseph Notre Dame does not have a full team this season, Piedmont coach Neil Rothenberg said the tournament will be at the Harbor Bay Club in Alameda.

The Pilots, who are not part of the BSAL standings this year, can play individual players in the tournament.

HIGHLANDERS ON PARADE: Piedmont basketball stars Ashley and Courtney Paris were selected to the Parade All-America first team last week.

Courtney Paris led the Highlanders by averaging 23 points, 19.5 rebounds and five blocks

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EL CERRITO'S Mario Hollands pitches against Encinal on Monday. The Gauchos are 12-1 after blanking De Anza on Wednesday.

El Cerrito continues to roll

■ Murray strikes out nine to lead Gauchos to 4-0 shutout over De Anza

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School baseball team improved to 3-0 in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League action and 12-1 overall with a 4-0 shutout of host De Anza on Wednesday.

Doug Murray fired a five-hitter with nine strikeouts and no walks. El Cerrito scored three of its four runs in the first two in-

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nings. Michael Hicks was 2-for-4 with a run scored for the Gauchos.

St. Mary's 2, John Swett 1, 8 Inn.: Dave McGuinness' RBI single to left field in the eighth inning won the game for the host Panthers (9-4, 4-1 BSAL) and handed the Indians (11-2, 4-1) their first league loss.

McGuinness was 2-for-3 in the game. Panthers starting pitcher Noah Ingram allowed only five hits over seven innings with 10

strikeouts.

James Donahue and Dominic Harbin were 2-for-4 to lead John Swett.

"We played the game under protest," John Swett coach John Angell said. "St. Mary's was taking batting practice before the game, and the league rules say you can't do that."

The Bay Shore Athletic League baseball bylaws, general rulings No. 4, states "there will be no batting practice in baseball prior to the league games."

St. Mary's coach Andy Shimabukuro said that his team was hitting soft-toss in the cage.

No determination about the protest had been made at press time.

St. Mary's 30, Kennedy 0: The host Panthers scored 17 runs in the first three innings of the 4½ inning game and had 25 hits, including six doubles, Tuesday.

Berkeley 5, Pinole Valley 1: The Yellow Jackets' (5-6-1, 2-1 ACCAL) Brian Guinn hit two doubles and teammate Jose Garcia slammed a solo home run in the sixth inning to help lift Berkeley to victory over visiting Pinole Valley.

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Yellow Jackets have no answer for Dons

■ Berkeley can't come back after falling behind early against area's best lacrosse team

By Ricardo Sanchez Jr.
STAFF WRITER

The Berkeley High School girls lacrosse team knew what it was up against on April 7.

GIRLS PREP ROUNDUP

It had read all about Alcalanes, the top team in the Diablo Valley Lacrosse League and the No. 1 ranked team in the state by laxpower.com.

It still didn't prepare the Yellow Jackets for what they encountered.

Annie McKinley scored five goals, two in the first five minutes, and the host Dons (10-1, 6-0) jumped out to a commanding 8-0 lead and eventually put away Berkeley 18-9 in a Diablo Valley



BERKELEY HIGH'S Zoe Thiele-Siedenberg (18) and Alcalanes' Jessica Hoffschneider chase after a loose ball.

Lacrosse League match.

"In the beginning we were a little scared," Berkeley attacker Haley Geller said. "But we can hang with this team."

Geller finally put the Yellow Jackets (4-1, 3-1) on the board with an aggressive run with 8:12 remaining in the first half,

putting the ball past Dons goalkeeper Sara Ebe. Geller finished with five goals and Claire O'Shaughnessy added two, but it wasn't enough to handle all the offense Alcalanes was throwing at them.

Give and gos, individual spin moves, long drives down field —

the Dons can score in a variety of ways.

"They were so together," said Geller of the Dons. "Some of the things they were doing were flawless. I was in awe."

Eight players scored for Alcalanes, four of whom had two or more goals. McKinley, who also had three assists, stood out from the bunch.

"(McKinley) has such a eye for the goal," Alcalanes coach Meghan Jones said. "She can make goals happen at any time."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CalHiSports.com named Shantrell Sneed of St. Mary's were selected to the all-state Division IV team by CalHiSports.com. The first-team All-Bay Shore Athletic League senior helped lead the Panthers to the North Coast Section Division IV semifinals.

PREP SOFTBALL

El Cerrito 5, De Anza 3: Tess Taruskin tripled in Katie McDonald and Lauren Halpern with two outs in the top of the 10th

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PREP BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1	Amador Valley	12-0	Dons still perfect after 9-3 win over Granada
2	Monte Vista	8-1-1	Mustangs shut out by inclement weather
3	California	11-1	Grizzlies roll past Foothill in 9-4 EBAL win
4	Bishop O'Dowd	9-0	Dragons could make a clean sweep through the HAAL
5	De La Salle	7-3	Spartans back in top 10 with extra-inning win over Clayton Valley
6	El Cerrito	10-1	Gauchos eke out 1-0 win over Pinole Valley in ACCAL opener
7	Clayton Valley	8-3	Bounces back from tough loss to De La Salle with 11-1 win over Pitt
8	San Ramon Valley	7-5	After rocky start, Wolves are starting to find rhythm
9	Campolindo	8-2	Cougars pick up big one-run wins over Miramonte, Dublin
10	Las Lomas	6-3	Knights still perfect in DFAL play after 3-2 win over Acalanes

Others receiving votes: Miramonte (10-2), John Swett (11-1), Berean Christian (11-0). The prep baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Results are through Saturday.

PREP SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1	Freedom	7-3	Amanda Williams opens BVAL play with two perfect games
2	Foothill	10-2	Falcons have shut out four of their last five opponents entering this week
3	Livermore	11-2	Gets by San Ramon Valley with eighth-inning rally
4	Alameda	6-3	Starts ACCAL schedule with 17-0 win over Hercules
5	Newark Memorial	10-2	Cougars dominate the early going in the MVAL
6	Monte Vista	9-2	Mustangs top Amador Valley 6-0
7	Dublin	8-1	Hands Alhambra its worst loss (9-1) in over three years
8	San Ramon Valley	9-2	Scoring runs may be a concern for the Wolves this season
9	Concord	6-2	Joins DFAL title chase with a 3-0 win over College Park
10	College Park	7-3	Rebounds from loss to Concord to beat Las Lomas in 14 innings

Others receiving votes: Carondelet (7-3), California (5-2), Salesian (8-0). The prep softball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is voted on by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Saturday.

ACCAL

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Pinole Valley's Janna Dias struck out 12 batters and walked none in a 10-0 no-hitter over El Cerrito in a five-inning

game. Berkeley's Sarah Newhaus tossed a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts as the Yellow Jackets defeated De Anza 13-0.

GAME OF THE WEEK: Alameda baseball at El Cerrito, 3:30 p.m. today at Cerrito Vista

Park — At press time, the two teams were ACCAL co-leaders and had a combined record of 19-4.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this notebook.

BSAL

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per game. Ashley Paris scored 16 points, 13.5 rebounds and 5.1 assists per contest.

The Parises also played in the McDonald's All-America girls game on March 30. Courtney Paris led the West squad to an 80-64 victory over the East with 16 points and 12 rebounds. She received the game's Most

Valuable Player award. The Oklahoma University-bound seniors led Piedmont to its second straight California Interscholastic Federation Division IV state championship in March.

Girls

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inning to give the Gauchos their first win of the season Wednesday.

Taruskin was 3-for-4 with three RBI and scored a run.

McDonald was 4-for-6 and scored two runs for El Cerrito (1-2 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League).

Danielle Kroninberg got the win after pitching a three-hitter.

De Anza (0-2 ACCAL) led 2-1 after the first inning. El Cerrito answered back in the second, but De Anza took back the lead in the fourth. However, the Dons did not score again after that.

St. Mary's 3, John Swett 2: The Panthers' Paige Freiberger

hit an RBI single in the top of the seventh inning to lift the visiting Panthers (5-4, 2-3 Bay Shore Athletic League) over the Indians (4-4, 3-2) on Wednesday. Courtney Moore was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Freiberger was 3-for-4.

Salesian 5, Albany 4: The Cougars (2-3 BSAL) pushed undefeated Salesian (9-0, 6-0 BSAL) to the brink before the Chieftains scored with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to win Wednesday.

Pinole Valley 4, Berkeley 2: The visiting Spartans (7-4, 3-0 ACCAL) scored four runs in the fifth inning to rally from a 2-0 deficit to win Wednesday. Berkeley pitcher Sarah Newhaus allowed only six hits in a complete-game loss. Aurelia Cheng was

1-for-2 with a run scored.

St. Mary's 10, San Domenico 1: Bijou Felder pitched a complete game with 11 strikeouts in the nonleague contest in San Anselmo on April 7. The only run given up by Felder — in the bottom of the fourth inning — was unearned.

Felder received strong offensive support. Freiberger went 4-for-4 with a double, four runs and an RBI.

Moore added two hits, including a two-run home run in the top of the fourth inning. Moore finished with two runs and two RBI.

Jenna Starkey added three RBI for the Panthers.

Staff writers Phil Jensen and Dave Carpenter contributed to this roundup.

BRIEFS

Bay Oaks Soccer Club offers tryouts

The Bay Oaks Soccer Club, which operates the Class I program for JLYSL, has been holding tryouts for boys and girls teams ages 15-19 at Merritt College and/or Alameda Point.

Any player from these clubs or residing Oakland, Alameda and Piedmont are encouraged to try out for the Bay Oaks if they want to play at the Class I competitive level. Interested players should refer to the complete schedule of tryouts for specific times and locations on the Bay Oaks Web site: www.bayoaks.net.

Cal to host boys soccer camps

Cal men's soccer will host summer camps for boys. Advanced camp for ages 11-19 will be June 19-23, July 5-9 and July 17-21. Resident and commuter options available. Full-day camp for ages 8-15 will be July 11-14, July 18-21 and Aug. 1-4. Half-day camp for ages 5-10 will be June 20-24, July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5. Register online at www.calbears.com or call 510-643-9957.

Oakland Vipers to hold tryouts

The Oakland Vipers 16-and-under A traveling softball team will hold tryouts at 3 p.m. on Sunday and at 4 p.m. on April 24 at Marshall Field, 3400 Malcolm Ave. (off 106th Ave. in Hellman Park), Oakland.

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For questions, please call 510-748-1662 or 510-262-2738.

ASA tournaments. The team will compete in four to six summer tournaments.

For more information, contact coach Paul J. Keener at 510-667-0533.

Oakland Girls Softball league offers clinics

Girls ages 8 to 13 are invited to participate in Oakland Girls Softball League Spring Break softball clinics Monday through Wednesday. There will be a morning session from 8 a.m. to noon for girls ages 8 to 10 and an afternoon session from 1 to 5 p.m. for girls ages 11 to 13.

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IV state title game. The 6-5 Gonzaga-bound swingman also averaged 10 rebounds and four assists per game.

Berkeley's Duane Bagsby was a first-team freshman.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito d. St. Joseph: Don Miguel Tutass had 12 kills and 12 service points, Robert Duffala had seven blocks and Michael Hudley had seven kills and 11 service points to lead the Gauchos to a 23-25, 25-19, 25-10, 25-20 win over St. Joseph on Tuesday in nonleague action.

BOYS GOLF

St. Mary's 213, Piedmont 237: Robin Saulsbury of St. Mary's was the medalist with a 4-over 39 for nine holes to lead his team to victory at Mira Vista Country Club on Tuesday. St. Mary's improved to 6-4 overall and 4-3 in BSAL play. Piedmont fell to 9-2 and 5-2 in BSAL action.

Albany 221, Salesian 251:

Limited space available for registration information. For contact Coach Paul Keener, call 510-667-0533 or www.ogsl.org to pre-register.

USA Junior Olympic Baseball needs players

USA Junior Olympic baseball team is looking for players ages 14-16 with high school experience.

USA baseball selects the National Team. 2005 USA Junior Olympic tournament is June 25 in West Palm Beach, Fla. Players on the National Team compete in the Pan American Games. Javier Carrillo, 925-4450 www.antiochsenators.com.

Alameda High School Summer Basketball Camp

Alameda High School will offer a summer basketball camp for both boys and girls entering grades fourth through ninth. June 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alameda High gymnasium.

The cost is \$125 for applications and a \$25 deposit submitted before May 6. The balance of \$125 is due June 6. The registration fee is \$150 and goes up to \$200 for those that pay at the door June 21. The cost includes camp T-shirt, Hornet basketball pass to a Hornet home game, 20 plus hours of instruction.

For more information or application, contact Brad Thomas at 510-865-7063.

Adam Barkow shot an even 36 for nine holes to earn most honors for the Cougar Tilden Park Golf Course on Tuesday. Albany improved to 3-3 BSAL action, while Salesian to 0-7 in league action.

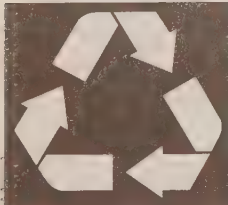
BOYS TENNIS

El Cerrito 7, Pinole Valley 1: Kazumi Negishi won the singles match as the Gauchos (1 ACCAL) shut out the Spartans (1-4) on Tuesday. The Gauchos each match in straight sets.

St. Mary's 6, John Swett 2: The Panthers swept the six matches on their way to a winning win over the Indians. Scott Leong won the No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-0 over Jeff

Staff writers Robert Jordan and Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

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"ALIENS OF THE DEEP": When director James Cameron proclaimed himself King of the World, who knew he had designs on the rest of the ecosystem? This IMAX-3D film is a torrid hybrid of undersea documentary and outer-space fantasy. — Holden. (G) 48 minutes. A

"THE AVIATOR": Martin Scorsese's thoroughly absorbing look at the life of Howard Hughes, millionaire, genius and infamous eccentric. The story is focused on Hughes' younger, tumultuous years, with Leonardo DiCaprio doing a fine job bringing him to life. The film stays safely sympathetic to Hughes, tics and all, which helps it back from greatness, but it is impulsive, confident and well-acted, early what you want in a holiday movie. And Cate Blanchett's gangster performance as Katharine Hepburn is not to be missed. — M. Ull. (PG-13: thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a harsh sequence.) 2 hours, 49 minutes. B+

"THE BALLAD OF JACK AND ROSE": Writer/director Rebecca Miller takes on a topic few filmmakers would dare to touch, the corruption of ideal love, with astonishing compassion, fierce intelligence and a delicate but always sure touch. Daniel Craig plays Jack, a '60s idealist who lives alone with his 16-year-old

daughter on an island off the East Coast. Ailing and fearful of his growing feelings for his child, he invites his girlfriend and her sons to move in with them and emotional bedlam breaks loose. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some drug material.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. A

"BEAUTY SHOP": A spinoff of the sequel to "Barbershop," which should spell disaster but doesn't. Stylist Gina (Queen Latifah) starts over in Atlanta. She works briefly for a flamboyant egomaniac named Jorge (Kevin Bacon) at his uptight salon, then strikes out on her own with a klatch of out-spoken hairdressers. Funny, warm and relaxing good-natured, with more than a few truths about family values and real life. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual material, language, brief drug references.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B

"BE COOL": Chili Palmer (John Travolta) is tired of movies and wants to get out the music scene in this "Get Shorty" sequel that attempts to satirize the music industry in the same way its predecessor satirized the movie business. This move allows him to hook up, confusingly, with his "Pulp Fiction" co-star Uma Thurman, who plays the head of a small record company. Travolta is pleasing, but the supporting talent, from Vince Vaughn to Cedric the Entertainer, is wasted. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, sensuality, language, including sexual references.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. C-

"BORN INTO BROTHELS": An Oscar-winning documentary about the children of prostitutes who live in Calcutta's red-light district. Photographer (and co-director) Zana Briski gives a group of the kids point-and-shoot cameras, and from that, their worlds open up to the possibility of hope. The film, which takes a clear-eyed, non-sensationalist viewpoint, brings us to a place we'd never see otherwise, gives us a poignant lesson in the difficulties of saving those who seem doomed, and reminds us how the force of beauty can exist in the ugliest of places and circumstances. — M. Pols. (R: some sequences of strong language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. A-

"BRIDE & PREJUDICE": Attempting to adapt "Pride and Prejudice" — Jane Austen's comedy of manners — director Gurinder Chadha ("Bend It Like Beckham") proves that Austen's material is timeless, but not tireless, turning it into a Bollywood musical in

which everybody sings and dances, then falls flat on their faces. Alshwarya Rai plays Lalita, who flouts convention by insisting that she will marry only for love, derailing the professional of four Bakshi girls to the altar. — B. Newman. (PG-13: some sexual references.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. D+

"CONSTANTINE": Keanu Reeves plays a chain-smoking, brooding exorcist with a unique ability to see demons that walk the Earth. That burden plagues him, and it's not great for us either. But this adaptation of the comic book "Hellblazer" is frequently visually arresting and has two very fun campy cameos — by Tilda Swinton and Peter Stormare — as the angel Gabriel and Satan himself, respectively. M. Pols. (R: demonic images, violence.) 2 hours, 1 minute. C+

"DEAR FRANKIE": While this fragile tale spins a mournfully sweet drama of family bonds, it remains firmly rooted in the bleak industrial grit of the Scottish seaside port where it is set. Frankie is a 9-year-old deaf boy perpetually on the move with his mother, Lizzie (Emily Mortimer), and grandma, who fear the boy's absent father. Unable to bring herself to share the cold truth with Frankie, his mother has concocted an elaborate fantasy about a distant dad sailing the seas on a commercial vessel. — D. Germain. (PG-13: language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN": Tyler Perry brings his act and his down-home African-American comedy to the big screen. "Dear Diary," Helen (Kimberly Elise) begins each day's voice-over entry. When her marriage ends, she goes home to her no-nonsense Aunt Mauda (a cross-dressing creation of Perry). She's a pistol-packing, pot-tolerant mama who preaches "Get even." With Cicely Tyson as Helen's mother. — R. Moore. (PG-13: drug content, thematic elements, crude sexual references, some violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. C-

"DOT THE I": A woman meets a man just before she is to be married and kisses him. Because he is played by Gael Garcia Bernal, we understand her resulting confusion. But this love triangle, which delves into our current craze for the blurring of reality and fiction, is slight and sophomoric. Bernal doesn't disgrace himself act-

ing in English (he's no Penelope Cruz), but it's still a forgettable role. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexuality/nudity, language and some violence.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C

"DOWNFALL": Bruno Ganz gives a remarkable performance as Adolf Hitler, portrayed here in his final days. Holed up in a bunker in Berlin, he alternates between denial, fury, melancholy and insanity. Given the subject matter and the resounding lack of a likable protagonist, the movie is, naturally, bleak as can be, but riveting. Based in part on the account of Hitler's secretary, Traudl Junge (played here by the luminous Alexandra Maria Lara), subject of the recent documentary "Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary." — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, disturbing images and some nudity.) 2 hours, 28 minutes. B+

"DUST TO GLORY": Dana Brown's documentary on the Baja 1000 off-road race is both flawed and thrilling. The film offers some amazing footage of seemingly sane people doing crazy things, interspersed with a lot of shallow filler that is as illuminating as peering into a cloud of dust. — G. Whipp. (PG: some frightening driving and an accidental death.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"EROS": A collection of three short films by distinguished filmmakers — Italy's Michelangelo Antonioni, Hong Kong's Wong Kar Wai and America's Steven Soderbergh — each on the subject of sex and desire. Boiled down to their primary impressions, the Chinese story is tragic, the American one's neurotic and, after some empathic arguments about love, the Italian one gets down to the business of buxom nude women jumping up and down. — B. Strauss. (R: strong sexual content, including graphic nudity and profanity.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B

"FEVER PITCH": A charming but very loose adaptation of Nick Hornby's memoir about his passion for soccer. Now it's about a school-teacher named Ben (Jimmy Fallon), who loves the Red Sox so much it may ruin his chances at romantic love with an adorable male whiz (Drew Barrymore). This doesn't have the bite of earlier Hornby adaptations like "High Fidelity," but it's consistently sweet and funny. Sports widows, rejoice: Your story has been told. — M. Pols. (PG-13: crude and sexual humor, some sensuality.) 1 hour, 41

OPENING TODAY

Opening Today

"THE AMITYVILLE HORROR" (R)

The classic 1970s story of a haunted/possessed house in Long Island comes to the big screen, starring Ryan Reynolds, Melissa George and Philip Baker Hall

"DOUBLE DARE" (NR)

A documentary about two successful Hollywood stuntwomen, one 62 and refusing to retire, one 18 and just starting out.

"OLDBOY" (R)

An ordinary Seoul businessman is imprisoned for 15 years for crimes he didn't commit. When he's released, he must solve the riddle of who framed him. Winner of the 2004 Cannes Grand Prize.

minutes. B

"FINDING NEVERLAND": Supposedly about how Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie came to write his beloved 1904 play "Peter Pan." But don't expect realism from this fanciful film starring Johnny Depp as Barrie and Kate Winslet as the widow, with four unruly sons, who supposedly inspired the story. — M. Pols. (PG: mild thematic elements, brief language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. B

"GUNNER PALACE": From documentarians Michael Tucker and Petra Epperlein comes a frank look at the war in Iraq, conveying the curious mix of tedium and tension American troops face on an everyday basis. A group of soldiers are stationed in one of Saddam Hussein's bombed-out palaces, complete with swimming pool, putting range and stocked fish pond. The incongruity of that setting, coupled with the difficulties of what the soldiers jokingly call "minor combat," makes for a compelling and compassionate portrait of today's soldiers. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B+

"HITCH": Will Smith is ultra-charming as the title character in this light romantic comedy about a Manhattan man who runs a dating consulting business for men looking for love. As the "Date Doctor," and as cynical and fearful of love as he is, Hitch finds his life unsettled when he meets a beautiful gossip columnist (Eva Mendes). Has some contrivances of the genre, but still fun. With TV's Kevin James as Hitch's most challenging client. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, some strong sexual references.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B-

"HOSTAGE": Bruce Willis plays disgraced LAPD hostage negotiator Jeff Talley, who moves to a quiet Ventura County town to escape his past but must nonetheless — drum roll, please — face his demons in a fresh hostage situation. The bounty of contemporary sources of anxiety explored and exploited is almost as nastily impressive as the amount of blood spilled. If you've feared it, it's here: Home invasion, pathological teenagers, rape, animal cruelty, cop killing and powerful mobsters who may be in cahoots with the government. Exhausting and gross, but not boring. — M. Pols. (R: drug use, language, extreme violence.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. C

"HOTEL RWANDA": A story so powerful and interesting that flaws in the storytelling don't much matter. Don Cheadle stars as real-life hero Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager in the capital of Rwanda. He's made a career out of being obsequious, but when ethnic violence breaks out and Hutus begin massacring Tutsis, he must make a stand. Through quick intelligence and his own willingness to be humble, he saves more than 1,200

"TURTLES CAN FLY" (NR)

In a Kurdish village in Iraq, on the eve of the American invasion, a boy falls in love.

"UP FOR GRABS" (NR)

Local filmmaker Mike Wranovics chronicles the court skirmish over Barry Bonds' 73rd home-run ball in this documentary

"VOICES IN WARTIME" (NR)

Documentary about the emotional impact of war, told through images and interviews with poets, soldiers, refugees and peace activists.

"A WAKE IN PROVIDENCE" (R)

A young artist returns home for his grandfather's funeral, bringing his black girlfriend with him to meet his Italian-American family.

people. An Oscar-worthy performance by Cheadle. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, disturbing images and brief, strong language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. A-

"ICE PRINCESS": Casey is a serious skater and a science nerd. Joan Cusack plays her single mom, living out her fantasy through her soon-to-be-a-Harvard-physics-major daughter. Casey seems to share that dream, forgoing a social life to do a project for a big physics scholarship. But in doing so, she uncovers the physics of great skating technique. What plays out amid Casey's new social interaction with her fellow skaters and her accidental discovery of her graceful side is nothing less than a struggle for the girl's mortal soul. — R. Moore. (G) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B

"LOOK AT ME": The characters in this insightful and very funny social satire are desperate for attention. Eileen is a celebrated novelist: smart, funny and something of a monster, a man whose narcissism blinds him to everyone around him — including his 20-year-old daughter, Lolita, a shy, overweight young woman profoundly resentful of her father's power and neglect. — G. Whipp. (PG-13: brief language, a sexual reference; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B+

"MELINDA AND MELINDA": Not quite a return to form for director Woody Allen, but an improvement on his recent films. The story is told two ways, comedically and then tragically. A woman in distress, Melinda, barges in on a dinner party, beginning two different chains of events. She is played in both cases by Radha Mitchell ("High Art"), who is surprisingly good. So is Will Ferrell, who makes the most sweetly appealing stand-in for Allen in years. If the goal is to teach us something profound about the crossover between comedy and tragedy, the movie doesn't succeed, but we do have a fun time. — M. Pols. (PG-13: adult situations involving sexuality, some substance material.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE": Jeremy Irons, Al Pacino and Joseph Fiennes star in this better-than-average Shakespeare retelling. Watching the film is like seeing a gallery of Renaissance paintings come to life, and while the effect is occasionally contrived, it mostly deepens the wonder and strangeness of the play. Judiciously trimmed to manageable length, this "Merchant" is, for the most part, faithful in letter and spirit to its source material. — A.O. Scott. (R: some nudity.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. B+

"MILLIONS": A tender tale with a buoyant sense of magical realism and a sneaky little moral lesson that centers on 7-year-old Damian and his

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Hitch (PG-13) 1:05, 3:50, 7:05, 10:10

Hostage (R) 4:35, 10:45

Hotel Rwanda 2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10

Ice Princess 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 1, 4:05, 7:25, 9:50

The Ring Two 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35

Look 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:10, 10:15, 11

Seaways (R) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:30

Sin City (R) 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 10:10, 10:25, 11:10

Upside of Anger (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30

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Robots (PG) 12, 2, 4, 6, 7:45, 9:40

Sin City (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7, 9:45

Rox Theatre

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Melinda and Melinda (PG-13) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45

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Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) 5

Rockway Speakeasy Theatre

1000 Rockway Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400

Born into Brothels (R) 6:30

Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) 7:30

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 7, 9:15

Edmont Theatre

1000 Edmont Ave., Oakland 510-777-3456

Downfall (R) 12:45, 4:30, 8

Melinda and Melinda (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 8:30

Millions (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:20

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Beauty Shop (PG-13) 12, 2:45, 5:20, 8, 10:35

Fever Pitch (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10

Guess Who (PG-13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

The Ring Two (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30

Robots (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20

Sahara (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:15, 10:10

Sin City (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-777-3456

The Ballad of Jack and Rose (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35

Born into Brothels (R) 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:30, 9:45

Bride & Prejudice (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15

Downfall (R) 1:30, 5, 8:15

Dust to Glory (PG) 4:50, 9:50

Guess Who (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:25

Schultz Gets the Blues (PG) 2:10, 7:10

Voices in Wartime (Not Rated) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

Walk on Water (R) 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill (G) 1, 3, 5:05, 7:05, 9:10

William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice (R) 1:10, 4, 6:45, 9:30

United Artists Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487

The Amityville Horror (R) 1, 1:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10

Beauty Shop (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 8, 10:30

The Ring Two (PG-13) 8:30

Robots (PG) 1:30, 3:45, 6:15

Sahara (PG-13) 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30

The Upside of Anger (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10

United Artists Emery Bay

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107

Beauty Shop (PG-13) 12, 12:45, 1:30, 2:45, 3:30, 4:20, 5:20, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:15, 10, 10:30

Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) 12:30, 5:30, 10:30

Fever Pitch (PG-13) 12, 1:10, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15

Guess Who (PG-13) 1, 3, 3:45, 7, 8:10, 9:40

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45

The Pacificer (PG) 12:40, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 10

Robots (PG) 1:30, 4, 7:15, 9:30

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060

Millions (PG) 12:10, 2:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15

Sin City (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:30

The Upside of Anger (R) 12, 2:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

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The Amityville Horror (R) 11:30, 12:15, 1, 1:

'Horror' remake ranks lower on spooky scale

By Mary F. Pols
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If "The Amityville Horror" has any lesson to teach, beyond how limited creativity is in the American horror genre these days, it is that one should listen closely to the terminology employed by real estate agents.

For instance, if he or she tells you that your potential dream home has a "vibrant history," find out if that includes mass murder in recent years or Native American sacrifices in previous centuries.

Don't be like Kathy Lutz (Melissa George). In the latest movie version of Jay Anson's iconic 1970s "true" story, Kathy pats her husband George's (Ryan Reynolds) arm and repeats "vibrant history" to him as if it were on the same level as "built-ins" or "working fireplaces." Neither Kathy nor George notices that their Realtor declines to visit the basement with them or that a shadowy ghost whisks past at

lightning speed just as they are admiring the lake view from one of the bedrooms.

She does inform them, after they've said they want the place, that the previous occupants, the DeFao family, were murdered by their son/brother, Ron. George takes a practical, NRA-style approach to the news. "Houses don't kill people," he says. So along with Kathy's children from a previous marriage, Billy (Jesse James from "The Butterfly Effect"), Michael (Jimmy Bennett of "Hostage") and Chelsea (Dakota Fanning look-alike Chloe Moretz), they move in and the horror begins.

Anson's book was not exactly great literature, but it had a definite allure. The fact that it was allegedly true gave it special resonance, and the spooky things that happened to the real Lutz family — cold spots, liquids oozing out of walls, ominous noises and some bad business involving an attempted exorcism and

some bees — seemed somehow plausible. A movie version starring Margot Kidder and James Brolin was released in 1979 and did quite well at the box office before beginning a regular run on TV.

This latest version has the real George Lutz stinking mad and apparently litigious, with good reason. The story has undergone a makeover for its modern-day telling. This George quickly finds himself under full-fledged demonic possession. He hears voices telling him to kill his new family, and not to cast aspersions, but he doesn't seem all that inclined to fight them off. The family dog is a marked canine from his first cheery "woof," and we fear that Billy, the sassiest and least willing of Kathy's children to embrace his new dad, may have an accident while participating in a game of you-hold-the-log-while-I-wield-the-ax.

One of the elements that made the original story so com-

elling was that the house was a real place, a rambling but fairly ordinary-seeming home in an ordinary neighborhood in a Long Island town. You could drive by and gawk (two of my friends confessed this week to having done precisely that), and that upped the fear factor. Today's "Amityville Horror" is set in a massive lakeside home, with a boathouse and what seems like acres of land. It's the home of a rich family, albeit one in need of a makeover, and somehow, taking away that mundane suburban setting makes it less exciting.

The movie is directed by Andrew Douglas, who has only one previous film credit to his name, the 2003 documentary "Searching for the Wrong-Eyed Jesus." The frights he delivers are fairly standard stuff involving pale-faced ghosts accessorized with bullet holes; too limited for true aficionados of horror, but his pacing is fine and the film has a

nice '70s feel to it.

My big regret is that Reynolds, a strapping young guy best known for his role in the teen favorite "Van Wilder" doesn't get much of a chance to unleash his trademark wise-guy humor. By Day 15 of the family's legendary 28-day stay in the house, George has red rings around his pupils, has moved into the basement and is no fun at all.

Thank heavens for bit player Rachel Nichols, who turns up halfway through as the baby sitter, Lisa. "Oh yeah, I know it already," she tells Kathy, declining a tour of the house. "I used to sit for the DeFaos." She then repairs to the bathroom for a relaxing bong hit and proceeds to share the house's history with a rapt Billy and Michael. "I'm totally

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Amityville Horror"
■ **STARRING:** Ryan Reynolds, Melissa George, Jesse James, Jimmy Bennett, Philip Baker Hall
■ **RATING:** R (violence, disturbing images, language, brief sexuality and drug use)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 28 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at many theaters
■ **GRADE:** C

freaking you out, kid," she says without an ounce of regret, "suck at baby-sitting." It's a curious setup for the real treat that follows. More humor that and this one could have been a classic.

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9-year-old brother, Anthony. After their mother's death, the boys are uprooted by their father to start over in a new housing tract in the British countryside. When a suitcase of cash falls from the sky into their cardboard-box hideout, Damian begins doling out the money to people who seem in need. Anthony, meanwhile, sets himself up as top dog at his new school. — D. Germain. (PG: thematic elements, language, some peril and mild sensuality.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B

"MILLION DOLLAR BABY": Clint Eastwood directs and stars in the story of an ambitious boxer, Maggie (Hilary Swank), and her crusty but adored trainer, Frankie (Eastwood). The picture is very good, mostly for the interesting twist it takes midway, but it's over-hyped and laced with trite elements, including the voice-over narration of Morgan Freeman, who plays Frankie's only friend and right-hand man. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, some disturbing images, thematic material and language.) 2 hours, 12 minutes. B+

"MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS": Armed? Yes. Fabulous? Hardly. Sandra Bullock stars in this predictable and far less likable sequel to "Miss Congeniality." The story

is flimsy, the antics inconsistent and the characters flexing for one garish sight gag after another. With Regina King and William Shatner; Benjamin Bratt wisely bowed out this time. — D. Germain. (PG-13: sex-related humor.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. D+

"MONDOVINO": Intoxicated though he is by the rolling, hilly landscapes of Napa, Tuscany and Languedoc, filmmaker Jonathan Nossiter, in his new documentary about wine, is more interested in the sobering facts of global marketing, economic competition and cultural imperialism. The film is partly about the cultural tension between the New World and the Old — between crusty, fatalistic French peasants and smooth-faced, forward-looking Californians. Nossiter covers a lot of ground, roaming from Bordeaux to Napa, from Sardinia to South America. — A.Q. Scott. (PG-13: strong language, scenes of wine-drinking.) 2 hours, 11 minutes. C+

"THE RING TWO": Easily as good as the 2002 blockbuster "The Ring." That pesky harbinger of a ghost, Samara, is back and this time, she wants Rachel's (Naomi Watts) young son (David Dorfman). This sends the reporter out on the investigative trail once again. Directed once again by Hideo Nakata, who directed the original Japanese version and its sequel. He brings a fresh visual perspective, making the movie more potently

spooky, and emotionally, keeps the focus on the intriguing subtext about motherhood. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence/terror, disturbing images, thematic elements and some language.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B

"SAHARA": A bloated, wannabe Indiana Jones-style action flick, starring Matthew McConaughey as explorer Dirk Pitt (the subject of author Clive Cussler's best-selling series). His quest for a lost Civil War ship overlaps with a beautiful scientist's (Penelope Cruz) investigation into a possible plague in Africa. Go figure. McConaughey is no Harrison Ford — he's a pretty but limp hero — and the movie is too long, but as imitations go, it isn't all bad. With Steve Zahn providing his usual comic relief. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. C+

"SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES": In this quietly whimsical story, a lonely German pensioner's devotion to the polka is supplanted by a passion for the Louisiana-born musical style known as zydeco. We meet the title character as he is being laid off from work at a salt mine. He returns home to a tiny shack in the shadow of a slag heap, where he joylessly practices the accordion. When by chance he hears a snippet of zydeco on a late-night radio show, his ears prick up. His fellow villagers send him to an annual music festival in their sister city

in Texas' hill country. — A. Hornaday. (PG: mild profanity; in German and English with subtitles.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B

"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening onscreen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. D-

"THE UPSIDE OF ANGER": A maddening tale of a middle-aged woman (Joan Allen) deserted by her longtime husband, leaving her with four daughters, a bottomless bottle of gin and a major case of rage. Written by Mike Binder as a valentine to the always magnificent Allen, but he seems to have a better grip on his male characters than his women. The real love letter is to Kevin Costner, who plays her rumpled new love interest and does his best work in years. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual situations, brief comic violence, some drug use.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

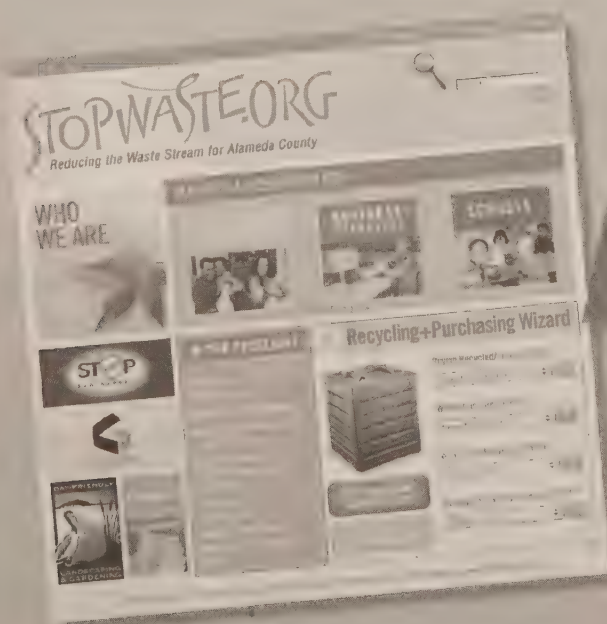
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Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-5599 or www.aesof-berkeley.org.

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY

— "Blue/Orange" by Joe Penhall, April 14 through May 15. This story about class, race and madness is set in a London psychiatric hospital and follows a young man who claims to be the son of African dictator Idi Amin, and the two rival psychiatrists who fight over his diagnosis and treatment. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$36 to \$45.

Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or www.auro-ratheatre.com.

BERKELEY CITY CLUB — "Ariel" by

Marine Carr, April 2 through May 1. The U.S. premiere of Carr's contemporary tale of passion, power and destruction, bringing the Greek myth of Iphigenia to modern-day Ireland. Presented by Wilde Irish Productions. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18 to \$22 general; \$15 to \$19 students and seniors; \$10 students on Thursdays. 510-644-9940 or www.wildelrish.org.

2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE —

CLOSING — "For Better or Worse," March 16 through April 24. A farce on married life based on the classic comedies of Georges Feydeau, and adapted and translated by Geoff Hoyle. On the Thrust Stage. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$43 to \$55 general; \$20 persons under age 30.

OPENING — "The People's Temple," April 20 through May 29. The world premiere of this theatrical exploration of the beginning, rise and tragic fall of the Jonestown movement led by the Reverend Jim Jones. At the Roda Theatre. April 20, 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; NO MATINEES ON APRIL 21, APRIL 30, MAY 5, MAY 14 AND MAY 19; NO PERFORMANCE ON MAY 27. \$10 to \$55.

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CLOSING — "THE BELLE OF

AMHERST" BY WILLIAM LUCE — April 8 through April 17. Valley Shakespeare Festival presents performances of the Tony Award-winning one-woman play about the life of American poet Emily Dickinson. April 15, 8 p.m.; April 17, 2 p.m.

"The Belle of Amherst" by William Luce, Apr. 16, 7:30 p.m. Valley Shakespeare Festival presents a performance of the Tony Award-winning one-woman play about the life of American poet Emily Dickinson.

\$20 to \$25. Hacienda Business Park, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. (925) 556-9624 or www.valleyshakes.org.

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE —

OPENING — "Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical," April 15 through May 21. A musical version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of a brilliant doctor whose experiments with the human personality create a murderous alter-ego. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15, 2 p.m. \$20 general; \$12 youth ages 16 and under.

951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132 or www.cccot.org.

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La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com.

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE

ARTS — OPENING — "Blood Relative," April 21 through May 1. The world premiere of Traveling Jewish Theatre's play about a young man born to an Israeli-Jewish mother and a Palestinian father, and the struggles he faces over a homeland claimed by two peoples. Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; April 24 and April 30, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; May 1, 2 p.m. \$23 to \$34 general; pay what you can on Thursday and Friday. (925) 798-1300 or www.aatl.com.

2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LANEY COLLEGE THEATRE — CLOS-

ING — "The Legacy for LoEshe," April 8 through April 21. A play written by Oakland teens about the need to confront the roots of violence. Through April 16 and April 21, 8 p.m.; April 17, 2 p.m. \$7 to \$9 general; \$5 to \$7 students. 510-464-3544 or www.lovellife-foundation.org.

900 Fallon St., Oakland.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "Proof"

by David Auburn, April 1 through May 7. A whodunit about sex, love, sibling rivalry and betrayal, revolving around a loyal daughter who is taking care of her father, an insane mathematician. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; April 24 and May 1, 2:30 p.m. \$13.

105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org.

OAKLAND METRO — OPENING —

"Being Something: Living 'Young' and Growing 'Old' in Oakland," April 22 through May 1. The world premiere of this play about an unexpected chemistry between younger and older generations features music, song and dance and is presented by Stage-bridge Senior Theatre Company and Opera Piccola. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$15 general; pay what you can on Thurs-

day. 510-444-4755 or www.stage-bridge.org.

201 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-644-2204, (415) 608-1116, 510-763-1146 or <http://www.oaklandmetro.org/>.

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Second Coming, All Bets Off, Doomsday Devise, I, Madman, Disputo, April 16, \$6.

Phenomena, Teenage Harlots, Left Alone, April 22.

Gorilla Angreb, Giant Haystacks, Factory Seconds, Tiger Uppercut, April 23, \$5.

\$5 unless noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926 or www.924gilman.org.

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Pickpocket Ensemble, April 23, \$3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473 or www.albatrosspub.com.

ASHKENAZ — Medicine San Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders) Musical Benefit, April 16, 9:30 p.m. Performances by Congolese

singer-songwriter Samba Ngo and didjeridu master Stephen Kent. \$15 to \$25. www.ticketweb.com or www.samba-ngo.com.

Select shows offer \$2 off regular admission for students. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-0504 or www.ashkenaz.com.

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Solari, Thriving Ivory, Keith Varon, April 15. Rock. \$5 to \$7.

Drunken Spacemen, Bad Habit, Abominable Flowmen, Type One and guests, April 16. Rap, hip hop. \$8 to \$10.

"All-Ages Matinee" featuring Arturo Gatti, Tried by Fire, April 17, 4 p.m. \$8.

Fall of Troy, Clarity Process, A Burning Water, April 17. Rock. \$5 to \$7.

Wallpaper, North America, April 19, 9:30 p.m. Rock. \$5 to \$7.

Mystic Roots, CV 1, Lae with Brown, Flipsyde, April 22, 9 p.m. Reggae, dub. \$5 to \$7.

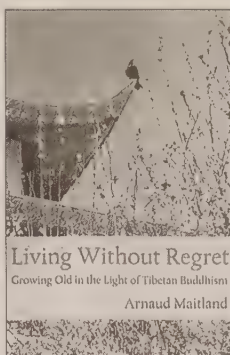
Mastema, Second Shot, Overdrive A.D., April 23. Punk, rock alternative. \$5 to \$7.

"All-Ages Matinee" featuring Point Taken, Sky Bleeds Red, Ambulance Ambulance, The Picture Theory, April 24, 4 p.m. \$8.

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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT —

Rhonda Benin Quartet, April 15. Marcus Shelby Trio, April 16. Danny Caron, April 19.



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Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill, April 19 and April 20. Violin and guitar duo from Ireland. \$20.50 to \$21.50.

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Ellis Paul, April 24. Folk from Boston. \$17.50 to \$18.50.

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JAZZSCHOOL — Michael Manning, April 16, \$20.

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JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — The Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra, April 17, 2 p.m. Trumpeters Mike Vax and Fred Radke reunite for a rare get-together and tribute to the greats. \$18 general; \$12 students.

2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Jaranon y Bochini, April 15, 8:30 p.m. \$15.

La Familia, AfroCuban Son y Mas, Jacqueline Rago and the Venezuelan Music Project, April 16. Conversation at 7:30 p.m.; performance at 8:30 p.m. \$12 to \$14.

"Domingo de Rumba," April 17, 3:30 p.m. This performance is at The Cafi.

Free. Son de Madera, April 17, 7 p.m. \$10. "Women in Salsa Celebration," April 22, 9 p.m. \$10 to \$12.

Arte Flamenco, April 23, 8 p.m. \$18 to \$20.

"Celebracion de Culturas," April 24, 5 p.m. A benefit performance by Ballet

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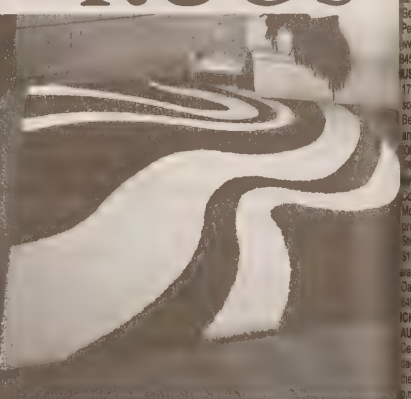
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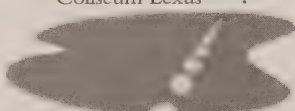
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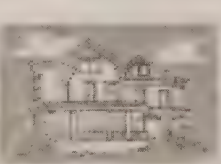
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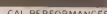
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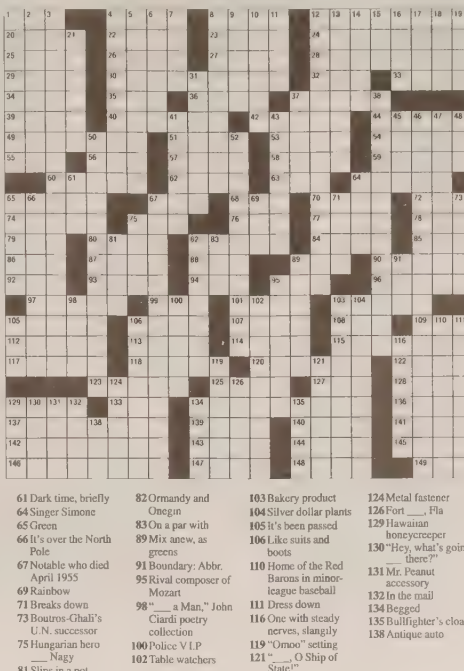
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Art a la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.
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THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1888, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in civic and cultural development in California and Oakland. The house includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended.
\$5 general; free children under 10. House Tours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. 672 11th St., Oakland. 510-2187 or www.pardeehome.org.
UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM OPENING — "MATRIX 218: The Art of the Doppelganger," April 21 through June 26. A video installation by Slater Bradley. Artist's talk and reception on April 24, 4 p.m. gallery talk on May 12, 12:15 p.m. "Narrative Moral Models in Chinese Japanese Painting," through June 26. An exhibit of Chinese and Japanese art from the 18th and 19th centuries exploring the effects of Confucianism thought on educated sectors of society.
"Drawn by the Brush: Oil Sketches by Peter Paul Rubens," through June 26. This exhibit of 35 works by the artist is the first ever in the United States to present a comprehensive survey of Rubens' oil sketches.
"Blind at the Museum," through June 26. An exhibit exploring blindness through "visual arts" through works by artists who test the limits of optical perception. Some of the artists featured include French artist Sophie Calle, sculptor Robert Morris, multimedia artists Theresa Hak Kyung Cha, Joseph Grigely and photographer John Dugdale and Alice Winicki. "Figurations," through Jan. 22.

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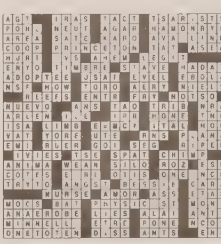
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cludes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.
EXHIBITS — "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore," through July 31. An exhibit examining the work of French artist Claude Cahun (born Lucy Schwob) in the context of her lifelong partnership and collaboration with Marcel Moore (born Suzanne Malherbe).
"Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Shtetl," through July 31. A multi-media exhibition featuring digital animation and contour drawings merged with black-and-white photographs.
"The People and the Book: Paintings and Rare Books from the Museum's Collection," through July 3. An exhibit of works dating from the 19th to the 20th century.
"Sephardic Horizons," through July 15. An exhibit of works arising from the Jewish culture that arose in Spain and Portugal, which later moved to North Africa, the lands of the Ottoman Empire, Italy, Amsterdam and the New World. Featured works include ritual

objects, photographs, prints, costumes, jewelry and books.
SPECIAL EVENTS — "Magnes Spring Family Program," April 17, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. A celebration of Passover with author and storyteller Carolyn Edwards. Free with general admission.
"Explore Sephardic Culture Series," April 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A lecture by University of California, Berkeley architecture student Adriana Valencia titled "Architecture, Diaspora(s) and the Hanukkah." \$6.
\$6 general; \$4 students and seniors; free children under age 12. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.
MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — The collection includes over 6,000 objects, approximately 4,000 prints and drawings, 900 textiles, 200 paintings, and 900 small ceramics and sculptures. Each season works from the Museum's permanent collection are shown along with the regular season's program.
CLOSING — "Rhizomatic: Thesis Exhibition 2005," closing April 17. An exhibit of works in various mediums by the 18 artists graduating from the Mills College Art Department.
Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to

4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM.
MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE VILLAGE — A science museum with an African-American focus promoting science education and awareness for the underrepresented. The science village chronicles the technical achievements of people of African descent from ancient times to present. There are computer classes at the Internet Café, science education activities and seminars. There is also a resource library with a collection of books, periodicals and videotapes.
\$6 general; \$4 children ages 6 to 18. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 630 20th St., Oakland. 510-893-6426 or www.ncaif-blackengineers.org.
THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — EXHIBITS — OPENING "Sculpture by Bruce Beasley: A 45-Year Retrospective," April 16 through July 31. This survey of work by the Oakland sculptor features approximately 75 works in aluminum and acrylic, cast and fabricated bronze, stainless steel, iron, granite and wood. Artist slide presentation on April 16, 2 p.m. Artist gallery talks on May 15, 2 p.m.; June 3, 7 p.m.; and July 17, 2

p.m.
"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien," through Dec. 4. An exhibit of 80 watercolor/gouache paintings of California wildflowers by the artist.
"Photography: Recent Acquisitions," through Aug. 7.
"Playing Favorites: Community Choices from the History Collections," ongoing.
"Points of View: Selections from the Museum Collection," ongoing. A selection of contemporary artwork from the museum's collection, including photographs, ceramics, video, mixed-media sculptures and paintings.
SPECIAL EVENTS — Free with general admission unless noted.



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ing exhibition of historical and re- paintings, photographs and sculpture that consider the human in various ways. "The Corners," through Jan. 22, 2005. This exhibition looks at five cen- of innovative art and ideas from the world through master- works from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collection. On view are works by artists ranging from Albrecht Durer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse, and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, and Robert and Mona Hatoum. **SCULPTURE BY BRUCE BEASLEY** — "Drawn by the night," Oil Sketches by Peter Paul Rubens," April 21, 12:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., and April 24, 2 p.m. A guided tour of the exhibit in Gallery 2, "Conversation," April 17, 3 p.m. An in- formal discussion of Willem de Koon- ing's "Luno 2" with professor Karl Kas- and printmaker Walter Askin. In Gallery 6. **Impressions: Free First Thurs-** day, "First Thursday of every month. Guided tours and movie presenta- tions. Admission is free. **General:** \$5 seniors, students and youth ages 12 to 18; free children under age 12 and UC Berkeley students; as to all on first Thursday of the month. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berke- ley, 510-642-0808 or webcamp.berkeley.edu. **BERKELEY PHOEBE A. HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY** — **CHIBITS** — Carlos Escondido: Hidden Treasures from the Mexican Collections," through June 26. An exhibit of 250 works from Mexico, including ritual objects, clothing, textiles, pottery, utensils, folk toys, miniatures and folk art. **"Native California Cultures,"** ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's Cali- fornia collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian cul- tures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum. Yana tribal baskets and a 17 foot Yurok canoe carved from a single red- wood. **"Beginnings: The Phoebe Hearst Era (1901-1920),"** ongoing. The exhibition examines artifact collecting as a form of cultural representation, presenting objects from around the world. Dis- plays focus on the systematic charac- ter of these collections and provide original contexts for the objects, which increases a viewer's understanding of the peoples who made and used the objects. **"Recent Acquisitions,"** ongoing. The collection includes Yoruba masks and carvings from Africa, early-20th-cen- tury Taiwanese hand puppets, textiles from the Americas and 19th- and 20th-century Tibetan artifacts. **\$4 general; \$3 seniors; \$1 students** ages 13 and over; free for children ages 12 and under; free to all on Thursdays. Wednesday through Satur- day, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 103 Kroeber Hall, Ban- croft Way and College Avenue, Berke- ley, 510-643-7648 or <http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu>. **UC BERKELEY MUSEUM OF PALE- ONTOLOGY** — **EXHIBITS** — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot- tall, 40-foot-long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet exca- vated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing. **"Pteranodon,"** ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteran- odon lived at the same time as the di- nosaurs. **"California Fossils Exhibit,"** ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils that have been excavated in California. **SPECIAL EVENT** — "Cal Day 2005," April 16, 9 a.m. Visit the dinosaurs, tour the collections, hear a lecture about collecting fossils in Irvington (Fremont) in the 1940s and 1950s, view some of those fossils, and see a fossil preparation demonstration. **Free.** Hours vary during summer and holidays. During semester sessions, hours generally are: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Lobby, 1101 Valley Life Sciences Building, 4780, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-1821 or www.ucmp.berkeley.edu. **USS HORNET MUSEUM** — **SPECIAL EVENTS** — "Limited Access Day," ongoing. Due to ship maintenance, tours of the navigation bridge and the en- gine room are not available. Tues- days, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$5 per per- son. **"Flight Deck Fun,"** ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show chil- dren how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck then let them try the signals themselves. Times vary. Free with regular Museum admission. **"Protestant Divine Services,"** ongoing. Hornet chaplain John Berger con- ducts church services aboard The

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Hornet in the Wardroom Lounge. Everyone is welcome and refresh- ments are served immediately follow- ing the service. Sundays, 11 a.m. **"Flashlight Tour,"** April 23, 8:30 a.m. On a guided tour explore areas of the ship not yet open to the public. \$30 to \$35 includes all-day admission to the museum. 510-521-8448, ext. 282. **"Living Ship Day Doolittle Raid,"** April 23. This month's theme commemo- rates the anniversary of the Doolittle raid and the role of USS Hornet CV 8. **"Big Band Swing Dance,"** April 16, 8 p.m. to midnight. A performance by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, directed by Bill Toole. The orchestra plays music from the 1940s right through the decades to the present day. Featured vocalist is Nancy Knorr. There are three large dance floors on the Hor- net's enclosed, heated hangar deck as well as cash bars, hors d'oeuvres

and dessert concessions. Dance lessons and entertainment are part of the evening. Black-tie optional or pe- riod attire. Free lighted parking is in- cluded in ticket prices. \$40 to \$80 per person. 510-521-8448, ext. 282. **\$14 general; \$12 seniors; students and military active or inactive; \$6 youths** ages 5 to 18, free children under age 5 with a paying adult. \$5 for everyone on Tuesday, Monday and Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pier 3 (en- ter on Atlantic Avenue), Alameda Point, Alameda. 510-521-8448 or www.uss.hornet.org.

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nam War; a McDonnell Douglas- British Aerospace Harrier; a replica of the Wright Brothers 1911 Vin Fiz, the first plane to be flown across the United States; and a Lockheed Vega single-engine plane flown by Amelia Earhart who set speed records in it. The plane is the only Vega in exis- tence with an aluminum fuselage. Also included is a vertical take-off Harrier jet formerly belonging to NASA and a British-built flying boat. Docent led tours available by special request. \$7 general; \$6 seniors; \$5 active mil- itary; \$3 children ages 6 to 12; free children under age 6. \$2 per person additional for Short Solent flying boat tour. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. North Field, Oakland International Airport, 8260 Boeing St., Building 621, Oakland. 510-638-7100 or www.westernaerospacemuseum.org.

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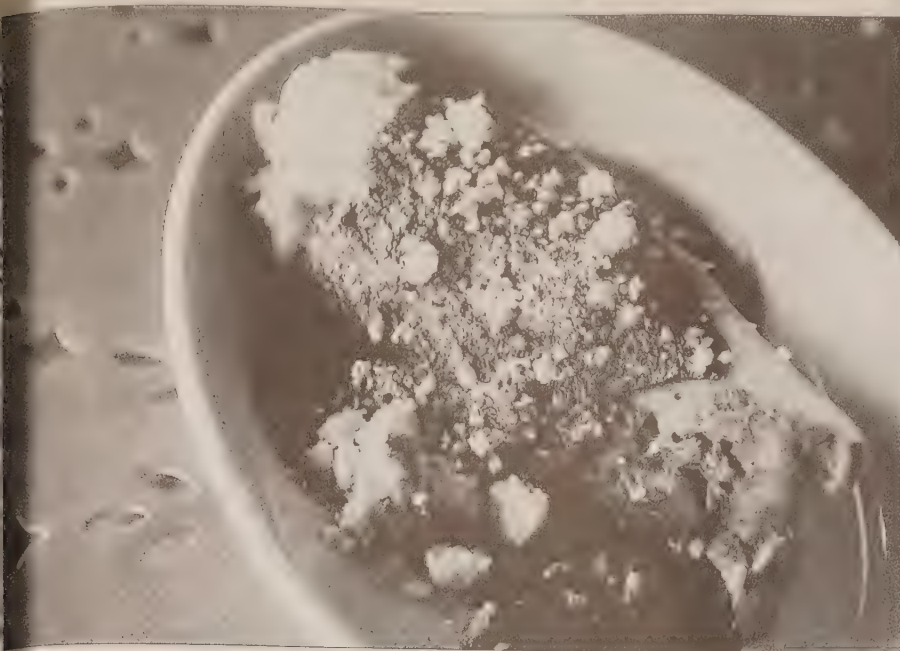
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CHICKEN TAMALE at Fonda is topped with mole rojo, a smooth sauce of nuts, dried fruit, pasilla peppers and spice. Below is barbaoca — steamed and charred lamb — from Montero's.

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Coconut Creme Brulee (★★★): Not too rich, with just a hint of coconut, and served with a couple of squares of crisp chocolate, this is a fitting finish to a Latin meal.

Sopitos (★★★): The "toasts" are soggy and are hard to distinguish from a potato chip, but they make a hearty, somewhat clunky, base to the business: a flavorful char of peppers and homemade salsa.

Barbaoca (★★★★): The winning dish of the night, the lamb leg is slowly steamed in the oven with a flavorful marinade of chile, garlic and onion. Charred on the grill and served in a pile with steamed tortillas and a tomatillo salsa, the lamb's smoky flavor and rustic presentation transported me to an Argentine range under the stars.

Flan (0 stars): A waste of time. Cut in squares from a giant slab in the refrigerator, it came with squiggles of chocolate sauce (where's the caramel?), and was seriously overbaked, with a curdled texture like scrambled eggs.

Mushrooms (★★★): Lacquered mushrooms with

jalapeno sounds like a bad idea (and maybe it is), but this new dish — called Hongos Mariachi — works. The 'shrooms turned out to be mostly bland domestic, so garlic and spice didn't fight with any fine fungi flavors. Freshly toasted crostini added a pleasant crunch and a sophisticated touch.

Chile Relleno (★★★): Romo later told me that this is one of his favorite dishes, but it didn't impress on our visit. Rather than being stuffed with baby spinach, the relleno came on a bed of sauteed leaves. Jack cheese and queso fresco provided plenty of gooey richness, but the chile itself was tough.

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(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

FONDA

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■ **HOURS:** 5:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays.

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■ **CHECK:** Ceviche \$10.25; tamale \$6; quesadilla \$9; vegetable cazuela \$9; lamb chops \$10.25; creme brulee \$7. Total: \$51.50.



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■ **WHERE:** 1106 Solano Ave., Albany, 510-524-1270; www.monteroscafe.com.

■ **HOURS:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily; live salsa music beginning 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays.

■ **BEVERAGES:** Full bar

■ **CHECK:** Sopitos \$6.50; ceviche \$8.90; hongos \$7.25; chile relleno \$10.75; barbaoca \$11.75; flan \$4.95. Total: \$50.10.

Flowers

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with agrees. "It makes a statement about the place we live. A quarter of all of California's native plants are found nowhere else on earth. It's unique to this state. Who knows how long they've been sitting in the refrigerator. The fish pieces were ragged, had been minced from left to right. It was stringy — having been too long in the time and had a fishy odor — but it probably wasn't all that bad when it first went under the heat."

Mushrooms (★★★): Lacquered mushrooms with

from our agricultural and grazing lands." Think thistles: "You don't want to hike through it, it smothers out the other things," says Forbes. "Even cattle won't eat it."

Forbes says that these invasive exotics reduce biodiversity, and the ability of the land to support the other components. It's her hope that by becoming familiar with California's rich population of native plants, people will want to conserve and protect them. She says of the wild-

"Native plant gardening is a way of bringing the understanding and appreciation of wild nature into the home landscape. The patterns that are going on in nature are going on in your yard. It fosters a deeper understanding of wild nature in addition to providing habitat for wildlife. It makes a statement about the place we live."

— Nathan Smith

flower show, "I hope they come away with an appreciation of the great diversity of our native flora. We're trying to expose people to all of the wondrous things that are out there that they probably had no idea occurred in California without any help from anybody to grow."

Gardening with natives can be easy, beautiful, and showy. Because native plants are suited for our climate, they require little (if any) irrigation after a plant is established. Fertilizers and pesti-

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. "With No One As Fitness," Elizabeth George (HarperCollins, \$26.95.)
2. "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close," by Jonathan Safran Foer (Houghton Mifflin, \$24.95.)
3. "Saturday," by Ian McEwan. (Nan A. Talese, \$26.)
4. "Ya-Yas In Bloom," by Rebecca Wells. (HarperCollins, \$4.95.)
5. "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson. (FSG, \$23.)
6. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.)
7. "Prep," by Curtis Sittenfeld. (Random House, \$21.95.)
8. "Ireland," by Frank Delany. (HarperCollins, \$26.95.)
9. "The Serpent on the Crow," by Elizabeth Peters. (William Morrow, \$25.95.)
10. "Cold Service," by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$24.95.)

Nonfiction

1. "Plan B," by Anne Lamott. (Riverhead, \$24.95.)
2. "Blink," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.)
3. "Collapse," by Jared Diamond. (Viking, \$29.95.)
4. "The Purpose-Driven Life," by Rick Warren. (Zondervan, \$19.99.)
5. "French Women Don't Get Fat," Mireille Guiliano. (Knopf, \$22.)
6. "On Bull," by Harry G. Frankfurt. (Princeton, \$9.95.)
7. "Conspiracy of Fools," by Kut Eichenwald. (Broadway, \$26.)
8. "Break, Blow, Burn," by Camille Paglia. (Pantheon, \$20.)
9. "America (The Book)," by John Stewart, et al. (Warner, \$24.95.)
10. "The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous & Broke," by Suze Orman. (Riverhead, \$24.95.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
2. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon.

(Vintage, \$12.)

3. "The Shadow of the Wind," by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. (Penguin, \$15.)
4. "The Confessions of Max Tivoli," by Andrew Sean Greer. (Picador, \$14.)
5. "The Birth of Venus," by Sarah Dunant. (Random House, \$13.95.)
6. "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest, \$14.)
7. "Middlesex," by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, \$15.)
8. "The Known World," by Edward P. Jones. (Amistad, \$13.95.)
9. "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.)
10. "Good Grief," by Lolly Winston. (Warner, \$12.95.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," by Mark Bittner. (Three Rivers, \$12.95.)
2. "Don't Think of an Elephant," by George Lakoff. (Chelsea Green, \$10.)
3. "Bad Cat," by Jim Edgar. (Workman, \$9.95.)
4. "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.)
5. "Genghis Kahn and the Making of the Modern World," by Jack Weatherford. (Three Rivers, \$14.95.)
6. "Reading Lolita in Tehran," by Azar Nafisi. (Random House, \$13.95.)
7. "The Tipping Point," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
8. "The Bookseller of Kabul," by Asne Seierstad. (Back Bay, \$12.95.)
9. "Zagat San Francisco/Bay Area Restaurants" (ZagatSurvey, \$12.95.)
10. "The Spiral Staircase," by Karen Armstrong. (Anchor, \$14.)

Mass market paperback

1. "Angels & Demons," by Dan Brown (Pocket, \$7.99.)
2. "R is for Ricochet," by Sue Grafton. (Berkeley, \$7.99.)
3. "The Game," by Laurie R. King. (Bantam, \$6.99.)
4. "The Narrows," by Michael Connelly (Warner, \$7.99.)
5. "Therapy," by Jonathan Kellerman. (Ballantine, \$7.99.)

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AUDITIONS AND CLASSES

Auditions

- **Bracebridge Dinner** — 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7. Singers, all voice types; must read music. Paid full room and board for singer and family. Performances in December in Yosemite. Rehearsals in East Bay. Andrea Fulton Productions, 5746 Robin Hood Drive, El Sobrante. For complete details, visit andreafultonproductions.com or 510-222-7772.
- **Devil Mountain Chorus** — Four-part harmony rehearsals and songfests for men, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship hall, 2317 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek. Vocal education provided (a cappella). Public performances. Sight-reading not necessary for auditions. Drop-in or call 925-938-7664.
- **Diablo Vista Chorus** — A chapter of Sweet Adelines International welcomes new members. Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall, 860 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. Barbershop harmony and singing activity. 925-295-0985.
- **Ohlone College** — Summerfest 2005: "Into the Woods," 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 16; invited callbacks April 17. Bring picture, resume and 16 bars ballad or 32 bars up-tempo. Reading will be at callbacks. All roles are open to non-union actors. Some paid roles available. Performances: June 30-July 9, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. 510-659-6207.
- **Pinole Community Players** — "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," 7:30 p.m. April 17 and 18, 601 Tenment Ave., Pinole. Prepare 32 bars of either Broadway or country-western song (up-tempo or ballad) in your key; dance combination for all auditioners, dress appropriately; and cold reading from the script. Accompanist provided. CD or tapes OK. Age range: 18 to 65-plus. Fourteen women, 13 men. Dancing and singing ensemble (six men and six women). Most non-principal speaking roles will be played by the ensemble. No appointments and no stipend. Performances: June 17-July 16. 510-223-3598.
- **SummerSong** — 1-5 p.m. May 1 and May 22. Two training sessions for vocal artists. In the morning session, students create a CD recording at Fantasy Studios and explore vocal styles. In the afternoon session, students rehearse and present a staged opera — Monteverdi's "Incoronation of Poppea" — and participate in art song and aria masterclasses. Morning session, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 12-15 and opera program, 1-6 p.m. July 6-23. Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church,

Lafayette. Lucy Beck, 925-283-3259 or www.summersonginfo.com.

- **Vallejo Music Theatre** — "Gypsy," 7 p.m. May 2 and 4, St. Patrick's St. Vincent High School, 1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo. Callbacks May 5. Rehearsals begin May 9. Performances: July 8-30. Prepare a musical number from any Broadway musical, except "Gypsy." Bring sheet music (accompaniment will be provided), or a CD or tape without vocals. No singing auditions will be allowed without accompaniment. Wear comfortable clothing and bring dance shoes for choreography auditions. Women dancers are asked to also bring a pair of high heels for the choreography auditions. Three young ladies, 8-12; four or more newboys, 7-12; 2 female leads, 16-22; several farm boys, 15-20; several Hollywood "Blondes," 15-20; several men and women, 21-seniors. 707-265-0733.

Classes/workshops

- **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — Target Family Series, free theater workshops for the entire family, 1-3 p.m. May 8, New Education Center, 2071 Addison St. Berkeley. Suggested donation: Bring a book for John Muir Elementary library, 510-647-2972 or school@berkeleyrep.org.
- **California Shakespeare Theater** — Now accepting registrations for students 8-18 for 2005 Summer Theater Camp. Acceptance based on interview. 510-548-3422, Ext. 127.
- **Diablo Light Opera** — Actors Intensive Summer Workshop, June 20-July 14. Ages 6-12, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$325; ages 13-17, 7:10 p.m., \$375. Includes professional headshot. Discount for early registration. Classes include Musical Theatre, "On Camera" work with a professional casting director, Stage Combat and Improv Skills. 1948 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Call Anita, 925-944-1565 or www.dloc.org.
- **Lafayette Studio** — Art classes, start dates throughout April. Includes: Figure Painting, Developing Your Creativity, Printmaking, Charcoal Drawing, Oil Painting, Painting on Silk and Soft Pastels. Day and evening classes. \$30-\$95. 925-284-5143.
- **Playhouse West Performing Arts** — Spring theatre acting classes for adults begin in April. Improvisation and Voice Training, Scene Study, and On Camera Commercial Acting. Academy classes train students in the Meisner method. Playhouse West Theatre, 1345 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 925-943-6643.



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Section D

2005 GTO coupe: Proof Pontiac can still build excitement

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

In 1964, the car that created Pontiac's excitement reputation was the GTO coupe. Now Pontiac has a new version and the 2005 GTO is much more exciting.

The fun and excitement of the 2005 GTO results from a powerful engine, even compared to the 1964 model. Under the hood is a 400-hp V8 engine that produces 400 horsepower and 300 pounds-foot of torque almost instantly. This puts it in the elite class of a car that can do 0-to-60 mph in less than 5 seconds. That's a thrill.

This powerful engine was paired to a six-speed manual transmission on my tester. However, for those who prefer to remain civilized, a four-speed automatic transmission is available as standard equipment. The manual transmission option and playing with a manual transmission provides a lot more fun — at the time.

Very once in awhile, I found myself getting "hung up" when the gear box was not in the shift pattern, I sometimes get into gear.

Even though the GTO isn't a classic, it looks mean with its stylish scoops on the new design, allowing more air to flow into the engine compartment. The coupe sits on huge five-spoke alloy wheels. It has a new dual-exhaust system with exhaust tips are polished to give this \$32,990 beauty a touch of class.

Even though the GTO isn't a large vehicle, it looks mean with a pair of stylish scoops on the new hood design, allowing more air to be drawn into the engine compartment.

Because of its overall size, it's a real struggle to get into the rear seats of this four-passenger coupe — and the trunk space is not very large. But the two leather sport bucket seats in the front, were not only inviting, getting into them was civilized. After using eight-way power to adjust the driver's seat, I examined the clear-cut instrument panel and checked out the other controls including cruise control, and the tilt and telescopic steering wheel. I noted there was plenty of storage compartments, plus a couple of cup holders. It even had a convenient power outlet in the front console area.

The GTO has safety features that made me feel comfortable after stepping on the gas pedal: front and rear disc brakes and traction control.

The sound system also had power, featuring a Blaupunkt 200-watt, 10-speaker audio system, including a six-disc in-dash CD changer. But the real enjoyable sounds came from the deep tones of the exhaust pipes.

These tones were not the loud, annoying sounds that some sports



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cars have, but reverberating tones that were music to my ears.

So I turned off the sound system, even though audio controls on the steering wheel were a nice convenience.

As I drove, I observed the instrument panel had read-outs for average speed, average miles per gallon, trip odometer, trip time remaining, fuel used, and fuel remaining. This car also had day-

PONTIAC GTO

Vehicle Type
Suggested Retail
Price as Tested
Engine Type
Horsepower
Torque
Transmission
Wheelbase
Height
Curb Weight
Fuel Capacity
Mileage

Two-door, four-passenger RWD coupe
\$32,295
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V8 OHV 16-valve w/SPFI
400 @ 5,200 rpm
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Six-speed manual
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55 inches
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 PRICE: \$1,308,000

OAKLAND
 TOTAL SALES: 102
 LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
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 LOWEST PRICE: \$277,000
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 AVERAGE PRICE: \$664,583

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 HIGHEST PRICE: \$886,500
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 LOWEST PRICE: \$231,500
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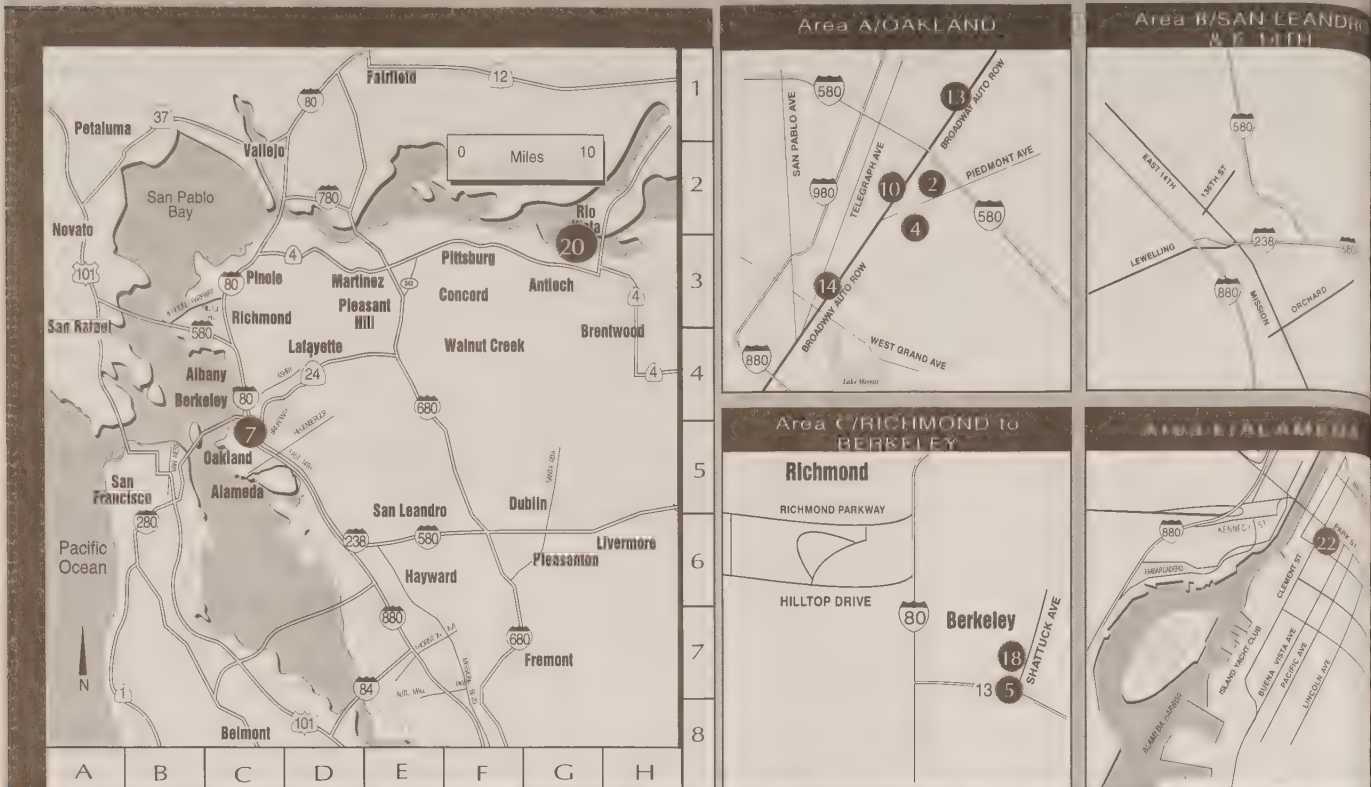
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As a great RV adventure destination that draws camping enthusiasts from all over the country, Mexico has a special charm and allure all its own. Mexico also carries a certain stigma for the average RVer.

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Gary and Monika have been driving around the globe for years, visiting places few of us are able to reach.

Their 1999 Ford F-550 expedition vehicle, the Turtle V, is fitted with a custom-built camper that's equipped with survival and comfort amenities designed for many months on the road.

Their last major adventure was across Siberia during the winter, and earlier trips took them all around South America, Mexico and Central America. The next great jaunt might be to China to explore the historic Silk Road. For them, a trip to Mexico is a cakewalk, and they state that familiarity and comfort into user-friendly guided trips to some exotic, but realistic, reachable locations.

All RVs are suitable for a Turtle Expedition trip. Due to the rugged nature of the backroads and for much of the travel, and beach sand trails that lead to the campsites, a high-clearance vehicle is recommended. Wheel drive is not required, but can be a big help.

A 4WD truck with a camper, a 4WD Class B van conversion motorhome like a Sportsmobile, or an SUV or pickup towing a small high-clearance trailer would be ideal. Some participants choose to tent camp. Trips are limited to 10 vehicles, plus the Wescotts.

Some RV trips are more like elaborate catered parties, but the Turtle Expedition adventures call for more self-sufficiency on the part of the participants. The Wescotts provide the guide service and plenty of information about each location, but it's up to the participants to help themselves along the way.

As the Wescotts describe it, "This is a no frills trip. We guide, you follow." For example, they show you how to collect or buy fresh mussels at a remote fish camp on Baja's remote Pacific Ocean shore, as well as give instructions on preparation and cooking. Once the lead is given, the participants take care of the cooking and meal prep themselves. Some meals are solo, some are potluck, depending on the group decision for the day.

As befits the spirit of manana, daily schedules are flexible. The campsites are established, but activities can change at the whim of the group or Mother Nature. Mexico travelers know that flexibility is a key to fun.

The Baja trips include boondock camping all but two of the nights out. The rest of the campsites are next to the beach, in the Catalina rock garden, Guadalupe hot springs and other scenic spots. In particular, a stop at Gonzaga Bay, and time spent on the veranda at Alfonsina's watching the sea roll by, are highlights of the trip.

The Paquime, Mexico, trip to the mainland includes a visit to the scenic and seldom-visited Paquime, an ancient city that dates back to 1450 AD and earlier; a Pancho Villa historic site, long-abandoned cliff dwellings and in general, a very real slice of Mexico.

In Gary's own words: "Above all this, Paquime, offers the backroad traveler a rare opportunity to experience the real Mexico and its people, from upper class ranchers, to middle class business own-



TRIPS RUN BY Gary and Monika Wescott, aka The Turtle Expedition Unlimited, provide semi-rugged "wild" adventure amid civilized and entertaining surroundings.

ers, and backcountry subsistence farmers who still till the land with a mule-drawn plow."

The Turtle Expedition trips this year will go to Baja from Nov. 20 to 28, for trip No. One, and Dec. 1 to 9, for trip No. Two. The jaunt to Paquime, Mexico, is slated for Sept. 26 to Oct. 6.

After several years of hosting such trips, the Wescotts have developed a loyal following, including numerous repeat participants. The Turtle Expedition trips offer a chance to see some parts of Mexico that are bypassed by the more common pavement-pounding caravans. For RVers with a moderate spirit of adventure and a desire for an exploration that's not too rough and not too cushy, the Turtle Expedition jaunts may be just right.

For complete information about Turtle Expedition adventures in Baja and mainland Mexico, see: www.turtleexpedition.com, or phone 530-265-3485.

Old adage still rings true: As General Motors goes, so goes Detroit

MICHELLE KREBS
She's Freewheeling

General Motors and Detroit are back to back again.

GM recently dropped the market share in the first quarter of 2005, its worst quarterly performance in more than a decade. GM further slashed its full-year outlook. The news sent GM's stock plummeting to 13-year lows and led to a downgrading of its bonds, making it more expensive for the automaker to borrow money.

Ford is not much better off. Chrysler is in OK shape as its 300 model continues to succeed.

Combined, the so-called Big Three have lost nearly 9 percent of their market share since 2003, despite their largest production increases in history — points that have cost them billions of dollars. At year-end 2004, combined market share reached a historic low of 58.6 percent, thanks to GM and Ford in spite of Chrysler's gain.

Many analysts paint a grim picture of GM and Detroit automakers. Stephen Girsky, auto analyst at Morgan Stanley pointed out a recent negative report, "Detroit's conditions, 'eerily like' those preceding the auto industry recession in 1980."

Market share plummet

Some analysts predict GM market share, at just over 27 percent at year-end 2004, could plummet to 23 percent by the end of the decade; at least one forecast sees it as low as 20 per-

cent. Ford, at just over 18 percent, likely will see lower share, as well, possibly down to 15 percent. Chrysler is the wild card. Its market share could remain stable or only slightly lower, depending on whether the automaker hits more home runs as it did with the 300, though that is doubtful.

While analyst Girsky likens now to the early 1980s, the situation is far more complicated, the competition more intense, and the risk more dire.

Costs balloon

Today, Detroit automakers face ballooning costs for pensions and skyrocketing health-care benefits for its aging workforce. Those costs are in the \$3 billion to \$5 billion range, or \$1,000 to \$2,000 a car, depending on the auto company. Those costs eat into profit margins. In contrast, the Japanese automakers have younger workforces, do not have those costs, and thus have higher profit margins.

But more critical is the fact new models from GM and Ford have not been successful. GM's promise of "gotta have" products, in particular, has gone unfulfilled. That has caused lower sales and declining market share, only exacerbated by other financial circumstances.

Typically, the newest models on the market are the hottest. The company with the new stuff wins. However, an analysis by Edmunds.com, the online buying service, showed that of all new models launched last year, GM's Pontiac G6 and Buick LaCrosse were the slowest moving and needed the biggest incentives.

In Detroit, Pontiac was adver-

tising a cash rebate on the G6 of about \$3,700. In a UBS survey of 550 dealers, GM had seven of the 10 vehicles most likely to flop in 2005. Among them were the Buick LaCrosse and Terraza minivan, the Pontiac GTO, the Chevrolet SSR, Uplander van and Cobalt small car. (New models from Ford, Jeep and GM's other minivans rounded out the list.)

Another study showed cash rebates played a key role in making the sale in 81 percent of the vehicles sold by American car makers, compared with 37 percent for Asian cars and 8 percent for Europeans.

The irony is that as Detroit automakers boosted incentive spending, they still suffered lower sales and lower market share, as well as cut into their already water-thin profit margins.

And incentives have done untold damage to residual values — the worth of a vehicle after a few years — and tarnished the images of Detroit brands.

What's also vastly different about today versus the early 1980s is the increased and relentless competition. Foreign automakers have built factories in the U.S. and have become an integral part of the landscape, especially in the Southeast. In addition to massive operations run by Japanese automakers, assembly plants have been opened by Mercedes-Benz, BMW and now Hyundai. Audi and Kia, meantime, are considering U.S. plants. They are creating jobs while Detroit sheds them.

What is obvious is that Detroit automakers, especially GM, will be forced to eliminate more jobs and scale their organizational structures to be commensurate with their lower sales and market share.

models — the sporty RSX and the high-performance RSX Type-S — the RSX serves as an important point of entry for the brand, introducing performance enthusiasts to the Acura line-up of performance luxury vehicles.

Selling points: Ford Motor Co. will spend up to \$50 million on a two-month advertising campaign to increase sales of its two most important sport utility vehicles, which have lost sales to competition and rising gas prices.

The Ford Explorer and Expedition will be featured in national TV ads in April and May with the intentions of

improving the image of the large SUV. The campaign will highlight safety features, such as anti-rollover and electronic stability control.

Pickup sales: With only two nearly identical sport utility vehicle models to sell, (down from four in 1999), Isuzu is counting on two new pickup trucks debuting this summer to recover ground in the U.S. market. Isuzu's U.S. dealers say they can sell 5,000 to 10,000 of the pickups a year.

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AT, Indiana Jones lost,
male, Minnesota &
Sierra Nevada. 925-933-2309

AT, Littermate, sm.
brown, orange, lip de-
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AT, Lost 47, white/gray
hair striped tail, blue
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AT, Richmond
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AT, German Shepherd
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AT, Lost cat, bro & black
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AT, Missing since 2/15.
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Dear Careerbuilder
Interview scenarios put readers in difficult situations
Over the past few weeks, we've received several questions from readers looking for some guidance in their job search. We've rounded up some of our top experts to give advice.

Q: How should I handle the following question and statement:
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A: "Your previous salary is much higher than our budget for this open position."
— A.D., Downers Grove, Ill.
Your answer to the first question could screen you out of the running during a first interview. It's prudent to avoid talking salary until additional money if that added value to their role, for example. "Would there be an opportunity to learn more as a performance-based bonus?" If you're sure there is no chance of more salary and you want the job, assure the interviewer that the lower salary would be overcome by the non-salary compensation you would receive. Example: "I'm interested in the book on... because it gives me... will add... benefits and add...

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This year's list considered more than 1,000 companies before whittling the list down to 100. Results were compiled by examining companies' financial records, employee ownership, workplace cultures, as well as surveys from customers and employees.

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